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LOCAL MATTERS.

—The phosphate season closes with this week.

—Candidates are smiling, and all men are their friends.

—Delicate flowers should not be neglected but should be put beyond the effects of early frost.

—Nutting parties are now in order and have to some extent been indulged in by the little folks.

—Some newly canned goods are already being used. Peaches and tomatoes are not yet in order.

—This is a trying season on button holes, as the button-hole brigade is out—a local campaign, you know.

—It is claimed that the height of the rag weed indicates the depth of the heaviest snow of the approaching winter.

—Small October peaches were in market last week, and in the absence of finer fruit were eagerly sought after, and sold for one cent each.

—Robert K. Pippin has received the contract for remodeling and improving the style of architecture of the M. E. Church at Queenstown.

—Wild ducks have commenced to put in an appearance in the bay, while the summer ducks have not yet taken their departure for the winter.

—There will be service and sermon with Holy Communion at I. U. on Sunday Oct. 12, at 10.30 o'clock, A. M. Service at St. Paul's at 3 o'clock P. M.

—Quite a number of persons took advantage of the last round trips of the season by the Emma Ford on last Monday and Tuesday, and went to Baltimore.

—Ladies are now in their glory; "now is the winter of their discontent made glorious summer" as they indulge in a profound study of fall fashions—what to wear and how to wear it.

—Rev. James A. Mitchell, Dr. Theodore Barber, H. B. Martin and W. F. Hilliard, are delegates from the Easton Diocese, to the national convention of the Episcopal Church, which met in New York, October 3.

—The Third Quarterly Conference of the M. E. Church will be held on Friday night, after prayer meeting. Love-feast on Sunday morning at half-past 9 o'clock. Preaching at 10½ by the pastor, and at 7½ P. M. by Rev. J. France, presiding elder.

—Winter wraps have at last left their perfumed seclusion in the chest where camphor and tar paper were stored in lavish profusion. A few disconsolate straw hats, however, whose owners failed to hear the call for their unconditional retirement, are still to be seen on the street.

—An exchange says that "tenderloin of oysters fried in crumbs is a new spur for laggard appetites." The good natured, happy-go-lucky oyster" he toils not neither does he spin," yet for appetizing temptingness he stands above his far more elaborately arrayed contemporaries.

—Corn in the upper portion of Kent county, which was cut before the last storm is said to be badly damaged. Mr. William Meeks reports that he housed sixty bushels of rotton corn without a single bushel of sound ears. Corn which has been cut off since the storm is in decidedly better condition.

—In the base-ball game played Saturday on the college grounds between the preparatory and freshmen classes and the other college classes, Mr. M. S. Harper, of the junior class, sustained quite a serious accident. In batting, the bat was swung round in such a manner as to strike him on the left hand, breaking the bones of his hand. Necessary bandaging, etc., was done by the boys.

—The Southbound freight train on the Queen Anne's branch was derailed at Millington on Thursday last, by a misplaced switch. A wrecking train was at once dispatched from Clayton to the scene of the accident, and by 4.30 o'clock P. M., the track was cleared. The Northbound passenger train, which leaves Centreville at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon, was detained about one hour. No one was hurt and the train but slightly damaged.

—Mr. Edward Emory has not opened his oyster packing house at Quaker Neck yet, on account of the high prices paid by city consumers of the oyster. He is, however, shipping select Chester river oysters in shell to Baltimore and some of the Northern markets. Mr. Emory says that as soon as the dredgers commence operations the market supply will be more satisfactory, prices lower and his packing house will be put in operation.

—Now that the base-ball season is about over, the lovers of athletic sports have turned their attention to foot-ball, the well-known and popular game of the North. At Still Pond a team has been organized, and is now ready for challenges. The team: Rushers, J. Owens, Norris, Porter, Rasin, Mire, Scotten and Jones; quarter-back, Owens; half-backs, Turner and Hurlock; full-back, Roland. With a little practice this should be a good team.

—On Tuesday, Oct. 1, the quarterly distribution of the public school tax was made by the State Comptroller to the white and colored schools in the counties and Baltimore city, the amounts being payable on and after October 10. Kent county receives of the fund of $124,500 for white schools, $1,967.04; colored schools, $859.54. Queen Anne's gets for white schools, $2,186.34; colored school, $911.82. Baltimore city, $32,232.76 for white schools and $4,867.12 for colored.

—The oyster navy is already on the move and is preparing for a rigid and uncompromising enforcement of the State laws during the dredging season. Captain James A. Turner, of the steamer McLane made a trip to Chester river last week and reported no violations of the oyster laws. Captain Turner has appointed M. S. Parsons chief engineer, in place of F. C. Benner, who resigned to accept a place on the Emma Ford, and Richard K. Stanton, assistant engineer, vice M. S. Parsons, promoted. Engineer Benner had been in the Maryland State fishery force since its organization.

—The dredging season will commence on Tuesday next, October 15. The present high prices for oysters will be an incentive for the violation of the State laws, and there is good reason to expect determined effort on the part of the dredgers to overcome State restrictions. Scrapers have been at work since October 1. The first intimation of such violations, however, will be met by a determined opposition on the part of the oyster police force, which has been provided to meet the requirements of any emergency and to prevent a recurrence of last year's depredations.

—A. J. Hynson, Esq., Chestertown, has just completed the erection of a handsome monument in Chester Cemetery, 13 feet 8 inches high and weighing eight thousand pounds, to the memory of John F. Beeks. On the top is a Masonic cross 2 feet 14 inches wide and 4 inches thick. The lettering is frosted, a style recently adopted, which is a marked improvement. One of the most attractive features which adorns this white-robed marble structure is the beautiful monogram J. F. B., the initials of the deceased, in the centre of the apex. The monument is one of the handsomest in the cemetery.

—On October 4, the closing day of the Dover fair, Happy Bee, the two-year old filly owned by E. B. Emory, of Centreville, Md., out of Happy Russell, trotted against her record made on Tuesday, Oct. 1, of 2.41, for a special purse of $100, and made the first mile in 2.31¼ and the second in 2.29¼ without a skip. This is declared to be the best two-year-old time made on any track this side of Kentucky, and the best two-year-old record in the world. It is said that Happy Russell is the only four-year-old stallion in the world who has a daughter which has gone under 2.30 at two years. Mr. Emory has possibly done more for the advancement and elevation of the standard of Queen Anne's county stock than any man who has ever been within its boundaries, and the phenominal record of his colt will be learned of with pleasure by those who are aware of his efforts to promote an interest in fine stock and speedy horses. On the same day, Oct. 4, at Fresno, Cal., Senator Stanford's three-year-old Sunol trotted a mile in 2.13¼, breaking all previous records for three-year-olds.

—Mr. W. E. Wayte, the State Secretary of the "Young Men's Christian Association" was in town on Sunday. His special business being to organize a Young Men's Christian Association at the college. The young men met at 4.30 P. M., and after an interesting talk by Mr. Wayte in regard to the origin, object and extent of the association in this country, and in the world, the Young Men's Christian Association of Washington College was formally organized, adopting the regular constitution and by-laws used by college associations with slight changes. The following officers were chosen: president, J. H. Geoghegan, of the senior class; vice president, G. A. Bunting, of the junior; recording secretary, Thomas D. Bowers, of the senior class; corresponding secretary, Eugene A. Robinson, of the freshman; treasurer, Wm. T. Henry, of the senior. The course of lectures by Dr. Reid, "Old Testament History," with a study of Old Testament characters, will commence next Sunday. Time of meeting 4.30. Various other interesting features will be introduced from time to time. This association will do much to keep Washington College in touch with other colleges. Mr. Wayte addressed both the Methodist Sunday Schools in the afternoon, and filled the pulpit of Rev. R. W. Todd at night. His address was an able and interesting one, full of good advice to young men and to those having the care of the youth of every portion of the globe.

—Isaiah Wheeler, colored, who was sentenced in the circuit court of Kent county to two years in the State penitentiary in 1888, received injuries from which he has since died at that institution on Thursday afternoon, at the hands of Richard Welles, a fellow prisoner who was sentenced to an eighteen months imprisonment from Anne Arundel county, for stealing sheep. Wells is 36 years old and Wheeler, the victim of his insane fury, was twenty-three. Both were considered very quiet and orderly prisoners, and were good friends. Welles was employed in the wagon yard to help open and shut the great outside gate, and Wheeler cared for the horses and did other work in the yard. Near the gate stands a little watch-box where the deputy keeper in charge of the gate stays in rainy weather. On Wednesday afternoon a team with a heavy load of stone got stuck going out of the gate. Help was obtained and the heavy wagon finally started. It went with a sudden rush, and one of the wheels struck the little watch-house, hurling it about 12 feet from its foundation. Welles was inside the house at the time and was very badly frightened. It is thought this affected his mind. While engaged in replacing the watch-house on Thursday, a hammer fell and struck Wheeler on the arm. After a mere remark that he had been hurt, he picked up a piece of scantling about three feet long and struck Welles two murderous blows over the head, then rushed across the yard into the dormitory and sprang over from the fifth tier. He fell to the second tier and struck a desk standing there, fracturing his right thigh in two places, breaking two ribs and sustaining serious internal injuries.

The Tockwogh Damaged.

The new steamer Tockwogh, of the Sassafras River Steamboat Company's fleet, met with a serious accident on Saturday last. When the steamer was near Fort Carroll on her trip to Baltimore, the aft beam strap parted when the heavy connecting rod crashed toward the stern of the steamer breaking into splinters everything before it. The strap was made by a Pittsburg firm, and the accident was the cause of a defect in the welding. The heavy bar which parted was three inches thick and five and one-half inches in width. Connecting with the beam-strap is the heavy rod which propels the wheels, and the working of this against the strap caused the weak portion to give way. The broken beam broke through the hurricane deck, shattering the beautiful chandliers which hung at the entrance to the cabin, then ripped up the soloon floor, carried away the main stairway and broke the handsome mirror into atoms. In the descent of the rod a large pin of iron, weighing probably 250 pounds, was hurled through the saloon, and was stopped by a beam in the hurricane deck. The jar caused by the falling of the rod blew out the gland of the stuffing-box, allowing the steam to escape through the boat. The piston was sent clear through the bottom of the cylinder into the steam chest. Luckily, no one was near the main stairway when the rod dropped.

The steamer was immediately after the accident taken in tow by the quarantine tug and carried to the shops of Charles Reeder & Sons.

The Tockwogh was built by Wm. Skinner & Sons about four months ago, her keel being laid in December. Messrs. Charles Reeder & Sons built the machinery which has done well in the little steamer, but the large castings, such as the one that broke on Saturday, were made in Pittsburg.

The damage is variously estimated at from ten to twenty thousand dollars. Much of the handsome joiner work is completely destroyed and the injury to the machinery is very heavy. The repairs to the steamer will be carried forward as rapidly as possible, and the Tockwogh will resume her trips at the earliest possible day.

It is stated that Charles Reeder & Sons will put the machinery in and make the loss good.

Our Town As It Is.

Town improvements are being pushed ahead and are progressing with rapidity, and however tight the money market has been, or however dissatisfied the chronic fault-finder may be with the general state of affairs, it may be safely said that Chestertown is abreast of any town on the Shore in its business life and progressive energy. The near-sighted pessimist may say us nay, but facts are indeed stubborn things and will not down at the untimely bidding of a few dissatisfied creatures who are unwilling, because of their own lack of the progressive spirit of the times to keep up with the general procession.

Such spirits are in Chestertown as in every other town in the State and elsewhere. Read and judge.

Joseph Turner, Esq., has recently completed three neat and comfortable residences with many conveniences, on Cannon street; the comfortable residence of Postmaster Fowler is being pushed to completion; the work on the new buildings of Charles S. Smith, Esq., is being carried ahead by a large force, and at the earliest possible date will be ready for occupancy. Independent of these improvements, in building, other minor work is being carried out. Though the Kent county peach crop was almost an entire failure, which fact has been seriously felt in the business of Chestertown, she has still "pursued the even tenor of her way." Two canneries have been running during the entire summer, employing large forces of hands; the saw mill and sash factory have been running with a full head of steam; the straw-board mill has been running with full force; our several phosphate factories have done a heavy business and have ever enjoyed but few more successful seasons. The latest enterprise and one of much interest to the farmer, the creamery, has been successful beyond the expectations of its projectors. Our college has opened with a boom, and is enjoying a season of success which it has not known for years.

Now, in view of these facts we feel justified in taking a retrospective view of the season which is fast drawing to a close, as well as to pause for a moment and mention improvements which are now in progress. Notwithstanding these causes, however, for congratulation, there are a few unsightly land-marks which withstand all the battles waged against them by the elements and a spirit of progress, and are still unpleasant reminders of what might, as well as what *should* be.

The old market house, with its unsightly sides and antiquated proportions, notwithstanding the fact that its day of usefulness is past, still stands out in bold relief to disfigure what should be the most attractive portion of the town, while the broad square which should be made one of the most beautiful spots within the corporate limits, is still a waste, adding to the general unsightly appearance of the surroundings. A mention of these facts has been suggested by the complaints of a few who are unwilling to acknowledge that our town is in any other state than that of a stupor.

New Advertisements.

The advertisement of the Worton Fair Association will be found in full detail in another column. The program, as arranged, is an interesting one, embracing many amusing sports independent of horse racing.

S. Frank Smith, Esq., advertises that he will pay cash for country produce, at his new store in Chestertown. See advertisement.

L. Victor Baughman, Comptroller of the Treasury, publishes in this issue the list of accounting officers of Kent county.

Eben F. Perkins, Esq., secretary of the school board, advertises a desirable lot on College avenue for sale.

He also gives notice that bills of expenditures outside of the regular authorized "Incidental Expenses" will not be paid unless authorized by the county board.

The fall advertisement of J. K. Aldridge & Co., of stoves, ranges, heaters, etc., will be found in another column.

The advertisement of Ricca's Castilian Troubadours will be found in another column.

Wm. M. Slay, trustee, will sell on Tuesday next a desirable dwelling house and lot of land, located on Queen street, Chestertown.

A. I. Dugan gives notice that he has rented the Rockwell House, and will keep a first-class hotel and dining saloon. Mr. Dugan has had the house beautifully papered, and has made many improvements.

A GOOSE-BONE FORECAST.

The Winter to be Regular, but not Severe—An Early Spring.

The goose of a man with the goose-bone has at last made his autumnal visit and is now forging to the front, leaving the average almanac maker and the industrious weather profit in the rear.

Keep this goose-bone forecast in your pocket and see what a wing bone from the royal Kent Island bird has to say in regard to the weather, which is to be visited upon us, whether it is to be as the remaining evils of Pandora's box or is to come from a cornucopia of better things.

A dispatch from New Haven, Connecticut, to the New York *Times* says that Henry Stillman, of Woodstock, Windham county's weather prophet, has made his annual forecast of winter by a goose bone. He says that the bone shows clearly that we will have an open winter.

The goose-bone is accepted by many Windom county people as a better authority than Wiggins, De Voe, or old David A. Daboll, the Connecticut almanac maker. In many farm-houses it will be found hanging in the hall, where it is frequently examined.

The true prophet bone, it is said, can only be obtained from a goose that has a trace of wild blood and that was hatched out in the spring.

A bone taken from a goose hatched in May by Mr. Stillman shows a row of dots around the kell of it, indicating the probable temperature. The darker these spots are the colder the weather is sure to be. It is asserted that the marks dividing the bone indicate the three winter months, December beginning at the front.

Mr. Stillman says he has read the lore closely, and finds that it indicates more regular weather than last year, and not so severe as even the last mild winter. There will not be many days during which running water will freeze. The coldest weather will occur during the latter half of January, and during that time there will be several days of freezing.

Near the point of the bone is a marked discoloration, showing that the first day of winter will give proof of the season's change. Christmas will be "green," but wet and cold.

January's entrance will be marked with warm days, growing gradually colder. The coldest day of winter will be January 27. The brief spell of severe weather will be succeeded by heavy thaws, and the traditional January thaw will come in February. This month will be a disagreeable one, with heavy rains and snows. An early and decided thaw is among the promises of the bone. February will burst into March with swollen mountain streams, and disasterous floods may be looked for. There will be an early spring.

Personal Mention.

We are in receipt of cards to the marriage of Miss Mary Clark and J. Edward Tylor, of the *Easton Gazette*, at St. Paul's P. E. Church, Trappe, Talbot county, Md., on Thursday, October 17, and though it is no unusual thing for unassuming newspaper men thus to turn their steps to pleasant places and realize that "It is not good for the man to be alone," it is at all times a pleasure to tender our brothers of the *press* our most sincere congratulations upon their good fortune.

Rev. William Munford, of St. Paul's Parish, has accepted a call to Salisbury, Md., and will leave for his new field of labor during next week. Each and every member of the parish will deeply regret the loss of their minister.

Miss Ellen Wickes left last Thursday morning for Cambridge, Mass., to accept the position of amanuensis to Mrs. Fanny D. Burgen, an authoress and collector of folk-lore. It will be remembered that Prof. and Mrs. Burgen spent several weeks of the past summer at the residence of Mrs. Simon Wickes, where they became acquainted with Miss Ellen. We hope she will be pleased with her new undertaking.

Miss Lillian Hynson is visiting friends in Washington, D. C.

Adam Diehl, Esq., well known throughout Kent county, has gone to Cincinnati, where he will engage in business.

Thomas Lusby, Esq., is now attending lectures at the Chicago Homoeopathic College.

Miss Gertie Stewart, of Chestertown, has accepted a situation in Baltimore.

Mrs. Sadie Collins has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. J. Rees.

Miss Synthia Nelson, of Millington, Kent county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Priscie Briddell.

Miss Nina Quinlan, Messrs. George and Emory Barry and Warner Stork, of Baltimore, and Captain A. H. Williams and Mr. Johnson, of Philadelphia, spent last Sunday in town, the guests of friends.

Mr. W. J. Blackiston and mother, of Denton, spent Sunday in town. Mr. Blackiston returned Monday, while Mrs. Blackiston remained and will spend several weeks with relatives and friends.

W. F. Russell, who graduated from Washington College in June, left Tuesday morning to take a three years' course at the Maryland Law School, Baltimore.

Miss Ettie Trew is spending the week in town with friends.

Mr. Barrett C. Catlin, of Baltimore, spent Sunday in town with his mother.

Mr. David P. Davis, of Philadelphia, is spending the week in town.

Miss Lollie Emory, of Centreville, spent several days of last week in Chestertown, the guest of Mrs. Hope H. Barroll.

Mr. Herman Perkins, of Baltimore, was in town a few days last week.

Robert Jacobs, Esq., of the Baltimore *American*, paid his parents a short visit this week.

Mrs. T. W. Eliason, Jr., and Miss Sallie Wilkins are spending the week in Baltimore.

Miss Lillie Sparks, of Crumpton, and Mr. James Archibald, of Kent county, were married in the Crumpton M. E. Church yesterday. An elegant reception was held at the home of Mr. J. M. South, at which there was a large number of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Morrison, of Virginia, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Micou, at Washington College.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of Federalsburg, Md., are visiting the Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Todd.

Mrs. George B. Wescott has returned to Chestertown.

THE B. & D. B. R. R.'S AFFAIRS.

A Meeting of Citizens Called for Tuesday Next.

By a card in this issue the business men of Chestertown and Kent county are requested to meet Mr. Thielens and E. P. Stacey, as representatives of the B. & D. B. R. R. on Tuesday next, October 15, at three o'clock in the company's office adjoining that of James A. Pearce, Esq., for the purpose of having a mutual exchange of ideas in regard to the affairs of the road.

It is stated that the present condition and future plans of the road will be clearly and honestly stated, accompanied by satisfactory vouchers as to the good faith of the management. Mr. Thielens says that Chestertown should undoubtedly be the terminal point of the line, and that the track should run to the water's edge with suitable piers and shipping facilities, and that the station instead of being in its present inconvenient place should be nearer the heart of the town. He further states that the tracks will be laid to Tolchester at the very earliest date possible. This call for a meeting is one that should be heartily responded to by the business men of Chestertown, for however much disappointments and losses may have been the result of Kent county's connection with the business affairs of this short feeder to the great railroad system, no one can fail to recognize the advantages of having this means of transportation peirce the very heart of this, one of the most fertile and beautiful agricultural belts in the State. Nor can any one be insensible to the advantages which must necessarily accrue to Chestertown from having the tracks laid to the river, the depot brought nearer to the town and other accompanying improvements; while the town, as the terminal point of the road, must reap increased benefits. Whether or not these things are visionary we will be better able to judge after having had the matter placed clearly and definitely before us, but that there is a sufficient amount of *reality* in the proposition which can even now be seen to commend it, at least to the consideration of the business men of the town and county we feel safe in saying. Without commenting upon the merits or demerits of the management of the road and its plans for the future, we do consider that the best interest of Chestertown and Kent county should warrant us in giving the matter a careful consideration and in meeting the gentlemen in joint conference for the purpose of giving their statements attentive audience. Let us be present at the meeting and hear what the prospects are for the improvement of the road and increased facilities for transportation from the points on its line.

A Safe Investment.

Is one which is guaranteed to bring you satisfactory results, or in case of failure a return of purchase price. On this safe plan you can buy from our advertised Druggist a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. It is guaranteed to bring relief in every case, when used for any affection of throat, Lungs, or Chest, such as Consumption, Inflamation of Lungs, Bronchitis, Asthma, Whooping Cough, Croup etc., etc. It is pleasant and agreeable to taste, perfectly safe, and can always be depended upon. Trial bottles free at Colin F. Stam's Drugstore.

From Edesville.

October 9, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—With the cool bracing weather your correspondent has revived, as also have news items, for after the protracted pause some semblance of life has again been imbued in our midst; perhaps Dame Nature's stock of Ozone has been increased, and we are now reaping the reward. Here are just a few stray bits of news.

Harry, second son of Wm. Wagner, Esq., of Edesville, had the misfoatune to cut his foot very badly on Tuesday of last week. Dr. Fisher dressed the wound, and Harry's young friends may soon expect to see him in their midst again, after a close imprisonment in the house of more than a week.

The old residence of Capt. C. A. Leary, which has been vacant since the Capt. moved to the ship yard, has been rented to Capt. Taylor, formerly of Worton, who has already taken possession.

Dr. A. P. Sharp is making extensive improvements at his already beautiful home, by the addition of a lake in his park, and a new dairy, with all the modern improvements, in the rear of his culinary department.

A petition is in circulation to have Rock Hall Harbor dug out so steamers may land at that point, which would be much convenient to the public than either of the present wharves at Deep Landing. MAX.

From Millington.

MILLINGTON, MD., Oct. 7, 1888.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—One Day last week the conductor on the freight train while trying to make a running switch threw it a little too soon and threw a car loaded with coal off the track, also spread the track to such an extent that the freight was detained for several hours. The passenger train coming up was also detained about fifteen minutes. Doubtless the switch would have been thrown at the proper time had not some cattle come on the tract just ahead of the engine at that time and attracted the attention of the conductor.

Still it seems that there are a few persons in our midst who love to fight, for on Saturday night last an altercation occurred between two men on the street, and when the officer interfered and tried to arrest those concerned, they resisted, and several citizens had to be deputized before the fighters could be taken into custody, after which things became a little more quiet. It seems as though but one man was in fault, and but one was arrested. On the way to the magistrate's office he pushed the man who was taking him there to one side and got away, and being very fleet of foot they were unable to catch him.

The P. E. churches of Massey's and Millington held a festival at Massey's last Friday and Saturday evenings, which was in every way a success, and the sum realized was rather more than expected. RUSTICUS.

Notes from Chesterville.

October 9, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The fall season has come with its usual richness and beauty of coloring for landscape and forest, and your correspondent will *fall* into the old ways of sending down items of news from our quaint little village. Everything is stir and bustle with our farmers, and with the bright invigorating weather of the past few weeks, everything has received new energy.

The protracted meeting at the Methodist Episcopal Church conducted by the Rev. J. Merritt' has been in progress more than a week. It is hoped that it may continue and much good be accomplished.

The lilac that was spoken of as being in full flower in Chesterville, in last week's paper, was not a young lady, as some supposed, nor did it refer to a lady, but to a full blown lilac flower, on a white lilac bush, in the yard of Mrs. Wesley Jarman.

Moonlight evenings are very exceptional in this neighborhood, but some of our young people had better not depend too much on moonlight evenings, especially when they go out all evenings, and many of those dark and rainy, with many gates ahead and no watchman at the boxes.

The usual quiet of our village was interrupted last Wednesday evening by the appearance of an opossum in the tree at the store porch. One of our marksmen shot the limb with a revolver, and the jar brought the opossum to the ground. Many of our good people hearing the report of a pistol at that hour of the evening, were soon on the lookout.

One of our Kent teachers in speaking to one of her pupils last week, said if she did not improve in her conduct, she would bring her out of some of her saucy ways with a dog-wood switch which she keeps in the corner. One of her friends whispered (against the rules) to her friend she wished some one would bring the teacher out with it. The teacher called her out and after trying the dog-wood tea, told her when she wished her callad out again just to call on her. She notified several of her school-mates that she would not wish for her teacher to be called out again soon.

One of our young men of the village after spending a few days in Locust Grove neighborhood, returned home last Saturday evening. As he was passing through the village he saw a lady at a pump with a sun-bonnet on, and thinking that it was his best girl slipped up to scare her, but it seems he made a mistake and was the worst scared himself, for when he found it was one of our school marms (and all boys are afraid of school marms) said he was so frightened he did not know what to say, and could have been bought for a cent.

Our W. C. T. U. celebrated its anniversary at Mrs. William Miller's, the president's hospitable home, last Thursday evening under the supervision of Misses Sophia Miller, Mary Miller, Nellie Medders and Minnie Medders. The dining-room was handsomely decorated with evergreens, and with mottoes of temperance overhead. The elegant supper was carefully arranged, which added much to the evening's enjoyment. Appropriate selections of music were rendered and the evening thoroughly enjoyed by the Union as well as by a number of appreciative visitors.

Mr. Benny Bentin's family have improved in health, and have moved to Sand Town, near Millington.

Most of our farmers are done threshing and are now busy seeding.

Mr. Anderson has moved on Mr. Wesley Aldridge's farm, and will take charge of it for the next year.

Rumor says that Mr. Allen Jarman has rented the farm that Captain P. Brinsfield is living on, for next year. Mr. Jarman is a fine young gentleman and we wish him success in this undertaking and greater in what is to follow.

Quite a number of horses and hogs are still on the sick list. RING.

Progress.

It is very important in this age of vast material progress that a remedy be pleasing to the taste and to the eye, easily taken, acceptable to the stomach and healthy in its nature and effects. Possessing these qualities, Syrup of Figs is the one perfect laxative and most gentle diuretic known.

THE EPISCOPAL CONVOCATION.

A Pleasant Meeting and Interesting Services.

The Northern Convocation of the Diocese of Easton, met in North East Parish on Tuesday evening, Oct. 1st. The following clergymen belonging to the Convocation were present: Rev. Dr. Duncan, of North Sassafras; Revs. Miller, of North East; Schouler, of Elkton; Roberts, of Chestertown, Ware, the rector, and Rev. William Du-Hamel, of Central Pennsylvania. Services were held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at Massey's, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Millington. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the subjects of discussion were: "The Necessity and Importance of Missions, Parochial, Diocesan and Domestic," and "The Press as a Parochial and Missionary Agency." On Thursday evening after service, a sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Duncan. On Wednesday morning after service a sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Miller, and the Holy Communion administered. On Thursday morning, the subject of discussion was "The Parable of the Talents." After each morning service, a lunch, provided by the congregation and served at the rectory, was announced, to which the clergy present and the congregation were cordially invited to be present and partake of, and which as social occasions, prove most delightful and satisfactory. The rector announced that the last payment of principal and interest had been paid on the rectory, and that the parish was now entirely free from debt, which announcement received the sincere and hearty congratulations of the convocation to the rector, vestry and congregation.

The weather was fine, the air balmy, the congregations, considering week-days and seed-time, were remarkably good and attentive, and the interest displayed and the bounteous hospitality dispensed by the congregation, made it a most successful and enjoyable occasion which the visitors present will have good cause to remember as a pleasant episode in their lives, and which, it is hoped, will prove of spiritual benefit to the parish.

DIED.

MASLIN.—At his home in Piney Neck, on Thursday last, October 3, 1889, Joseph Maslin, in the 40th year of his age. He had a loving heart, a kind word for every one, and a firm trust in God.

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PROHIBITION COLUMN.

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FOR THE LEGISLATURE:
R. T. TURNER, JR.,
R. S. GRIFFITH.

SHERIFF:
W. S. CULP.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
1. WILLIAM A. HYLAND,
2. THOMAS RASIN,
3. W. W. PARKS,
4. JOHN BORDLEY,
5. W. K. JUDEFIND.

WHAT BUSINESS HAVE WE PROHIBITIONISTS TO BE?

In like manner the average Republican voter confident of the honesty and purity of "the party of great moral ideas," grows wild with enthusiasm over the great achievements of the patriotic hosts led by Lincoln, and Grant and Garfield; but aside from an ill-defined and confused difference on the tariff question, can give little reason to-day for being a Republican instead of a Democrat, save that he feels pround of the history and achievemedts of the one, and ashamed of those of the other. The average voter on either side fulminates and effervesces over the "gul-lorius *principles*" of his platform, utterly oblivious, apparently, of the fact that the platforms of both were made simply to subserve the purposes of a grotesque political farce, and to catch the votes of honest dunces during the pending campaign, and not with the remotest expectation of their being incorporated into law and government, if it should better serve party policy, or greed, or caprice to do otherwise. On the contrary, the Prohibition platform embodies a great living issue, involving the highest interests of "God and Home and Native Land." It is clean cut and distinctly made. There are no humiliating compromises with moral wrong in it. It is a platform that any honest and christianly progressive man can hold upon his heart before Jehovah and his angels without wincing. And every vote cast for it will be as clean as the snow, absolutely free from the taint of bribery or the smell of the saloon. You can take those ballots with you to the throne of Grace or to the throne of Judgment.

But to return to the subject of discussion. We affirm that the question of moral right has not been a factor in the construction of either of the great national party platforms for the last dozen years. Both parties have been domineered over and terrorized by the organized liquor interests. When these parties met in Chicago five years ago, a powerful association of the purest, best and bravest of America's wives, mothers and sisters, by their representatives, went, with fearful hearts and tearful faces, and said to the one and to the other of these national conventions: "Brothers, pledge us your manhood in your platforms to the protection of our homes and hearts;" and what was their answer? The one party said: "We declare our opposition to all sumptuary laws that interfere with personal rights and vex the citizen." Between the lines it read: "Never mind about the personal rights of rum-cursed women and children—they're not voters. Never mind about vexing the helpless citizen. Never mind if their homes are shadowed and their hearts are broken; their sighs and tears can't find their way into the ballot box. We must have the influence and the vote of the whiskey and beer men," and they got the lion's share of it.

In the other convention there was derisive laughter at the very idea of women presuming to enter their lordly portals. And instead of saying, as these noble women had a right to hope they would say: "Yes, sisters; as in the dark years of the great Rebellion, we espoused the cause of the down-trodden, and stood for right against wrong, so now we will barricade you against the malice of the drink fiend with our manly hearts, if need be, till these hearts cease beating." What an inspiring spectacle that would have been for men and angles! And on what a proud and impregnable position the Republican party would, to-day, have stood. But alas! what did they answer to the plea of these noble women for protection to their homes and hearts and virtue? "We declare that we will protect all American industries"—including of course, that stupendous industry that, in these States manufactures intoxicants to the value of more than $800,000,000, annually! Yes, protect the industry that fills the country with tramps and loafers! Let their mothers, wives and daughters protect themselves the best they can! Protect the industry that fills the the pockets of the distillers, brewers and liquor dealer with the price of blood! Never mind any protection for the wasting fortune and life of the poor inebriate, and for his smitten and impoverished family! Protect the industry that compells poor widows and orphans, out of their scanty earnings, to pay every year for one hundred thousand coffins and graves for their murdered husbands, fathers and brothers! Never mind any protection for the heart-broken women at the wash-tub, or of the pale, wan sewing girl, stitching her life away in a garret to shield her endangered innocence! Oh, just and righteous God! have the manhood and patriotism of the political descendants of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln come to this? What has become of the high moral instinct of Republicanism? Where is the boasted "chivalry" of the Democracy. Have the freemen who shed both tears and blood for the emancipation of 4,000,000 of manacled negroes—have they only the laugh of derision, or a hypocritical goody-goody resolution of "sympathy" for twice that number of worse than enslaved women and children who appeal to their brotherly instinct, and claim their manhood's protection?

Christian brothers of the old parties, the time has come when we must amend our political doings, or lose our proud title. Heretotore we have solemnly kneeled down and offered prayers for our country, our endangered institutions and our homes; and, forthwith, have gone out from the closet and followed our "dear old party" and our immaculate leaders to political perdition. We seek, and sure as the sun shines, we are going to have in the future a few millions of voters who will follow Christ and conscience to the polls, and wait, if need be, for their victory and vindication until the Day of final Judgment. Remember, Christian and temperance brothers, whatever may be the apparent and temporary result of conscientious temperance and Christian voting, God is too true to himself, and too true to human interests to let such votes be lost. Sometimes some of our old political friends come to us and say: "Of the two evils"—Democratic *demijohnery* or Republican *rumocracy*—"take the least." Our answer is *take neither*. There is always at least one right thing to do. But it never can be right to vote for a party that is subservient to the power of the saloon. Though the heavens fall, do right at the ballot box; and He who rides on the storm-cloud and wields the thunders, will both vindicate you, and, through your heroism, vindicate the right.

SHERIFF'S Election Notice.

To the Judges of Election and Voters of Kent County.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE Judges of Election and the Voters of Kent County, that an Election will be held

ON TUESDAY,
November the 5, 1889,

at the usual places of voting in the several Election Districts of said county, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT,
At MASSEYS.

SECOND DISTRICT,
At KENNEDYVILLE.

THIRD DISTRICT,
At SMITHVILLE.

FOURTH DISTRICT,
FIRST PRECINCT—At CHESTERTOWN;
SECOND PRECINCT—At POMONA.

FIFTH DISTRICT,
At EDESVILLE.

And the Election so to be held is for the purpose of choosing the following officers, viz:

One person to be Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of Maryland.

Two persons to represent Kent county in the House of Delegates of Maryland.

One person to be Sheriff of Kent county.

Five persons to be County Commissioners of Kent county.

One person to be Surveyor of Kent county.

The polls will be opened at 8 o'clock A. M. and closed at 6 o'clock P. M.

The Returning Judges are required and directed to make their return on the second day (Thursday) following the election, to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county, and also to the Governor of Maryland.

JAMES A. CASEY,
Oct.