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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1890.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—A marvelous winter, truly.

—Where are the airy, fairy snow flakes? Not in the cream.

—Service will be held at St. Paul's Church on Sunday afternoon next at three o'clock.

—Counterfeit silver coins are being largely circulated on the Peninsula. Look out for the spurious pieces.

—Two horses were stolen from the stable of Mrs. Martha Godwin, living near Crumpton, on Tuesday night of last week.

—All persons who have removed during the past month and wish their paper sent to another office for the present year will please notify us at once.

—In addition to small shipments of shad to Baltimore from fisheries on Chesapeake bay, more than five thousand have been received from Florida waters.

—On the front page of this issue will be found two highly interesting reports on "Peaches" and "Destroying Insects." Every farmer should read them.

—Friday, Febuary 14, will be St. Valentine's day, when the Valentine, burdened with its incomprehensible superfluity of sugary professions will be in perfect order.

—A special to the TRANSCRIPT from the weather bureau at four o'clock yesterday afternoon was to the effect that the temperature would fall to freezing by this morning.

—Our enterprising merchants, Charles S. Smith and D. A. Bacchus, had Florida strawberries in market on Saturday last, which they readily disposed of at thirty-five cents per quart.

—The house of Wm. Lesage, at Smith's Corner, near Crumpton, was burned on Wednesday afternoon last, together with most of its furniture. It is said to have caught from the flue.

—The total number of packages of all kinds posted at Stam's drug store during the month of January was 1330 or excepting the month of July, 1889, the largest number of any previous month.

—Governor Jackson on Tuesday of last week nominated Joseph E. George, Esq., to fill the vacancy in the Orphans' Court for Queen Anne's county, occasioned by the death of James R. Sudler, Esq.

—The present has been one of, if not the *most* quiet years socially ever known in Chestertown, consequently the inauguration of the Lenten season, commencing February 19, will make but little difference in social circles.

—All those who have ice houses should have them ready for the first freeze. "In time of peace prepare for war." So do not wait until the arrival of the ice-crop to make preparation for its harvest. We are prophecying at least one solid freeze for the present month.

—This is the time of year when the farmer who does not take a newspaper because he cannot afford it, meets with two or three confidence men, and gets cheated out of enough money in one day to pay for a subscription to a weekly paper from nearly every State in the Union.—*Ex.*

—Postmaster Brown has had his new postoffice-room, which will be the one adjoining J. S. Bradley's store and was recently occupied by F. J. Carter, thoroughly papered and put in first-class order for its new use. Mr. Brown expected to assume the duties of postmaster on Tuesday evening last, but was disappointed in receiving his new boxes, consequently he will be delayed for several days.

—The remains of Mrs. Samuel T. Earle, wife of Dr. Samuel T. Earle of Baltimore was brought over to Rock Hall on Monday last and interred in St. Paul's Churchyard. Mrs. Earle was before marriage, Miss Isabell Ringgold, daughter of Thomas Ringgold formerly of Kent county. She was in the fortieth year of her age and left two daughters. Rev. S. C. Roberts of Chestertown and Rev. James A. Mitchell of Centreville conducted the funeral services.

—Deborah Brown, a colored woman, dropped dead in the kitchen of Mr. Colin F. Stam, on Saturday evening about 7:30 o'clock. She was a daughter of Horace Brown, the aged and highly-respected sexton of the Episcopal Church, and was employed as cook by Mr. Stam. Early in the evening she coplained of an intense pain in her head, and within a few minutes thereafter was discovered lying on the floor and expired in less than ten minutes. Either heart disease or apoplexy are supposed to have been the immediate cause of death.

—Ash Wednesday or pancake day will present itself on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Says Webster: "Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, so called from a custom in the Roman Catholic Churbh of sprinkling ashes, that day on heads of penitents, then admitted to penance." An old superstition connected with the day is that the farmer who fails to have pancakes on Ash Wednesday, is absolutely sure to miss in a corn crop in the approaching season, as the displeasure of the gods will inevitably rest upon him.

—Wesley Johnson, a colored boy of about sixteen years of age was arrested and given a hearing yesterday, charged with having thrown a brick into the sitting room of Thomas W. Wickes, Esq., on Wednesday morning. The brick was sent crashing through the window breaking the glass and sash, fortunately, however, no one was in the room at the time. The evidence was not sufficient to warrant the boy being sent to jail and he was released. Such vandalism should be closely watched and severely punished when the offender is caught.

—Samuel Turner was arrested on Monday last and lodged in jail upon a charge of having cut and destroyed carriage property on Friday night last. It seems that a cake-walk and elaborate entertainment was given at what is known as Tolchester no. 2, a small colored settlement situated about a mile and a half from Pomona and between Pomona and Quaker Neck, when the curtains and top of two new carriages belonging to George McWhorter, one belonging to Robert H. Wright one of Mr. Bentley's were cut and slashed to such an extent as to render them useless without extensive repairs being made. It is claimed by a colored girl who was at the entertainment that the negro after having completed his work with the carriages intended to cut and injure the horses in an inhuman manner. Turner on Saturday morning made for Queen Anne's but constable Simpson assisted by a Queen Anne's officer effected his arrest and brought the man to Chestertown. He refused to make a full confession but said that he was drunk when he did it.

—Sunday was the day upon which the fabled ground-hog made his annual visit. The old superstition is that if the sun shines sufficiently to allow his hogship to see his own shadow he returns to his hole, and a period of bad weather follows. On Sunday last, however, no shadows were cast, and there is no reason to believe that he was forced to retire to his hole on account of *damp* weather, as a Crumpton gentleman informs us that he saw one out with an umbrella. The ground-hog, or what is known in the North as the woodchuck, is rarely seen with us, though they are occasionally met with.

—Notwithstanding the cold, penetrating winds of Sunday last, five colored women and one colored man were led into the chilling waters of Chester river, immersed and were formally received into the religious faith of the Baptist church. Quite a crowd of persons had collected on the shore and though the baptism was fully an hour later than was at first announced the attendance was large. The new congregation is constantly receiving new acquisitions in Chestertown, and the room in which meetings have been held for several weeks past, has been much enlarged to comply with the demands of the constantly increasing congregation.

—Mrs. Robina Narcross died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John Hall, on Queen street, on Sunday Feb. 2, in the 87th year of her age. Mrs. Narcross was a French lady, but in her infancy removed to Scotland where she was given the advantages of a thorough education. After finishing her education she went to England where she married. She was the youngest of ten children, who became scattered over many lands, two having died in France, one in Scotland, one in Australia, one in London and one in Lancasshire, England. Mrs. Narcross was always a devoted Episcopalean, having joined the church of England seventy-five years ago. She was paralyzed about eight years ago, since which time she has been constantly confined to her home.

—The delightful entertainment by the Schubert Quartette at Stam's Hall on Thursday evening last, surpassed even the most extravagant expectations of a large audience, who from the happy precedent in Chestertown, of the Schuberts had every reason to look forward to a rare musical treat. Mr. Iott's magnificent bass, though just a little clouded by a slight hoarseness, had lost but little of its rich and voluminous sweetness, while the tenor of Messrs. Battle and Stone and the baritone of Mr. Tyley were full, sympathetic and beautiful. The climax of the entertainment's enjoyment, however, was not reached until Miss Mecusker made her first appearance upon the evening's program. Independent of being a young lady of beautifully attractive manner, Miss Mecusker's soprano was a revelation of beauty which Chestertown audiences are rarely permitted to enjoy. Clear, artistic and expressive, her voice is under perfect control, and there is little question that her debut in Chestertown was an elaborate success. Miss Lay, in her rendition of a number of the most beautiful classic pieces from the pen of Chopin, Flotow and other masters delighted the most critical of her auditors. For delicacy of touch, accuracy of expression and ease and grace of movement Miss Lay has never had a superior to precede her in delighting a Chestertown audience and by unanimous consent she was accorded an enthusiastic welcome by all those whom she had on two previous occasions fascinated by the delicate sweetness and beauty of her playing. Miss Lay has a host of friends in Kent who extend to her a standing invitation to come again. The entire quartette, with Miss Lay, Miss Mecusker and several friends were given a royal oyster treat at the close of the concert. When the beautiful music rendered by the Schubert Quartette was only slightly surpassed by the Palitable Sumptuosity and almost paralysing temptingness of the Maryland oyster.

UNITED THEY STAND.

Pretty Weddings and their Happy Participants.

Though weddings have not been so numerous in Kent during the present winter as they were last, shy Cupid occasionally steps to the front, and one of those most enjoyable features of our social life, a wedding, is a result. A quiet but very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. S. Melvin, on Wednesday evening, January 29, at eight o'clock P. M. The contracting parties were Miss Lizzie O. Pearce and Mr. Thomas O'Neil, both of Kent county. Promptly at eight o'clock the bride and bridegroom, preceded by her sister, Mrs. W. S. Melvin, and Mrs. Wright Roberson entered the parlor and were married by Rev. R. W. Todd, of the Chestertown Methodist Episcopal Church. After congratulations the large company of friends from Kent and Queen Anne's counties enjoyed a tempting treat, and at an early hour repaired to their homes.

USILTON—OLSON.

We copy the following account of the beautiful wedding of a former Kent countian from the Plano, Illinois, *News:*

"One of the largest weddings of the season was that which took place at the Lutheran Church, Plano, Saturday evening, Jan. 18, 1890, at 7 o'clock P. M., on which occurrence was the marriage of Mr. Warren Usilton to Miss Lizzie Olson, and Mr. Charles Burson to Miss Laura Olson, all of Plano. They were supported by Miss Lena Steubing, Miss Josephine Olson, Miss Anna Burson, Miss Mary Olson, Miss Mary Martin, Mr. Elmer Usilton, brother of Mr. Warren Usilton, Mr. Otto Spolum, Mr. Emil Olson, Mr. James Peterson and Mr. Theo. Tolleson.

"The church was filled to its utmost capacity, standing room being at a premium.

"Rev. J. C. Reinertson officiated in the ceremonies of Mr. Burson and Miss Laura Olson, and Rev. J. W. Richards performed the ceremonies of Mr. Usilton and Miss Lizzie Olson.

"One of the pleasing parts of the program at the church was the song by two little girls, Miss Alice Burson and Miss Bertha Carpenter, who rendered it in a most impressive and enjoyable manner.

"Miss Lizzie Olson was handsomely attired in Nun's Veiling, and Miss Laura Olson wore a beautiful Old Rose Henrietta. The ladies were both beautifully adorned with the long bridal veil and orange blossoms.

"After the ceremonies at the church, the large company repaired to Kendall's Hall, where a reception was tendered and a grand wedding feast served in the most becoming manner, the sumptuous repast being one that would please the most fastidious and reflected great credit upon Mr. and Mrs. E. and Mr. and Mrs. O. Olson, parents of the brides, who did all in their power to make the evening one of pleasure for all present.

"The list of presents were beautiful, useful and valuable, and are appreciated by the receivers.

"The participants in these marriage ceremonies are all industrious and pleasant young people, who are well known in this city, where they have resided for several years."

The Peach Outlook.

However premature it may be considered by some to refer even in the mildest terms to the peach outlook for 1890, we deem it in good taste to give our peach-growers the benefit of the encouraging estimate of J. W. Kerr, Caroline county's most reliable peach authority, Mr. Kerr says:

"As to peaches, many of the more sensitive varieties, in orchards situated on the light sandy soils, have advanced sufficiently in the development of their blossoms as to expose the embryo peaches to the air, and thus their destruction is assured; yet there are countless millions of buds, more conservative and which are yet in condition to withstand severe changes of temperature, and safely reach that point in the ramified transmutation incident to peach life that will gladden the hearts of our growers. In brief, unless something still unforseen, but destructive to peach interest occurs, there will be an immense crop on the Peninsula; at least the northern half of it."

Mr. Frank Wright, a gentleman of large experience, who has recently given the peach question in Kent and Queen Anne's a thorough investigation, says that the prospect at present is first-class, and only chronic growlers need find cause for complaint.

Personal Mention.

Services will be held at St. Paul's P. E. Church Sunday afternoon next, Ferbruary 12, at three o'clock P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Worrell of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. H. W. Carvill.

We are glad to note that at the time of going to press the general symptoms of Mr. M. A. Toulson who has been very ill for several weeks past are somewhat better. Prof. John W. Chambers, of Baltimore, came over on Tuesday as consulting physician and returned yesterday.

Mr. John R. Gray who has been quite ill for the past two weeks is convalescing.

Mr. N. G. Westcott's condition, we regret to state, is but little improved.

Mr. John C. Voshell has removed from the River View Hotel and is now elegantly fitted up at the Armstrong House.

W. S. Walker, Jr., left yesterday for St. Louis, Mo., where he will make his future home. Mr. Walker is one of the most popular of our Chestertown young men, and has a large circle of friends throughout the State. He has a sister in St. Louis, where he expects to secure a position. May much success attend his Western journey.

Delagate Samuel Vannort who has recovered from an illness of two months, was in his seat at Annapolis on Tuesday night for the first time this session.

Court News.

Levy Court. Full board present.

Court executed an agreement with D. M. Cochran for piece of land called Willow Hill, first district, containing quarter acre for purpose of obtaining gravel for mending road.

Order was passed allowing use of court room to the farmers for holding their meetings.

Upon application of Wm. Ford, an appropriation of $1000 allowed for current expenses of almshouse to be provided for by levy of 1890.

Order directed to be drawn on H. M. Stuart for $300, amount of levy in his hands for Maryland Hospital, which was drawn and paid by check.

Order directed to be drawn on Wm. H. Ford, collector, for $300 in part of levy in his hands for Maryland Hospital.

Commissioners executed discount note as individuals for $200 to pay for work at DeCorse's land with V. Hendrickson, supervisor, work to be paid for as it progresses.

T. J. Shallcross and R. C. Morgan were appointed a committee to examine condition of road near Millington as to necessity of putting in a trunk.

Clerk Russell made report of old stove sold by direction of board, and amount obtained therefor.

Board passed order in pursuance of order passed by Queen Anne's county board to meet a committee of said board at Crumpton bridge on to-day (Thursday).

Petition of Hope H. Barroll for abatement of taxes on personal property and on Fairlee mill, heretofore filed, was considered and ordered passed, abating the personal property only, board not being ordered by law to abate assessments on real estate.

John Kiehl's recommendation for pension was considered, and pension of $15 ordered to be provided for by levy

Orphans' Court, Tuesday, Feb. 4, '90. —Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. The last will and testament of Mrs. K. H. Morrison. Letters testamentary on the estate of Christopher Wilkinson were granted to James A. Pearce. W. S. Busick and John B. Parrott, administrators of J. B. Parrott, filed releases from Mrs, Ann R. Parrott, Rachel A. Parrott, Gulie E. Parrott and John B. Parrott.

Our Canning Industries.

Now that the season of preparati on for the canneries of next summer has approached, the tomato-growers of a number of the counties of the Peninsula have taken definite steps to secure a fair and uniform price for their crop. The canneries are also awake, and are meeting this move.

The canners of Bethlehem, Preston, Choptank, American Corner, Two Johns, and Federalsburg met at Preston several day ago to discuss their interests. The packers concluded that if they could not find means to curtail expenses they would have to quit the business. The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That five dollars per ton or eight cents per basket is all that can be paid for tomatoes; and if they can't be bought at these prices we cannot buy any during the year 1890.

The farmers have raised a strong protest against this move on the part of the canners, and will fight the reduction in every possible way.

Farmers of Milford and South Murderkill hundreds in Kent and Cedar Creek hundred in Sussex county, Del., have pledged themselves not to grow tomatoes this year for less than $6 per ton delivered at the factory.

The raising of tomatoes is an important industry in Kent, and our farmers should also be awake to their interests, and move in this matter.

In response to an advertisement which was placed in the Baltimore papers by a number of farmers of Morgan's Creek Neck about ten days ago, inviting some responsible party or parties to establish a canning factory at Buckingham's wharf on Chester river, a gentleman came over from Baltimore last week to investigate the advantages offered, but came to no positive understanding. It is now proposed by some of the farmers that they form a stock company. However a future meeting will have to be held before the matter can be decided as to the best means of inaugurating the new industry in Morgan's Creek.

FARMERS AND FARM LABOR.

Good Suggestions for the Times in Which We Live.

Since Mr. L. C. Justis' article—"The labor question in Kent"—appeared in the *News* of January 18, much has been said, both for and against the measures he so strongly advocates. Many men of deep thought and cultured brain, have expressed themselves in such a manner as to be of benefit to all who are earnestly and honestly looking for the light. While farming is not generally as successful financially as we could desire, there are many graver causes of the failure than the present price of labor. "Haps," in his letter from Tolchester, touched the key note when he said: "The fast horses should be put to the plow and the farmer should get hold of the handles." No business can prosper unless he who undertakes to make it a success puts his brains and energy into it as well as his capital. Would any sane editor, manfacturer or merchant expect to reach the pinnacle of success, if he spent two-thirds of his time fox-chasing, horse-racing and revelling at political meetings. For no class of men are so punctual in attendance at the last named as the farmers. They are there to a man, from the one who can make a speech to he who can only drink the whiskey and applaud. It is the tendency of the present generation to live far ahead of their means. An insane desire seems to have taken hold of each to make a greater show of wealth than his neighbor, and the farther behind his finances, the stronger becomes the desire, for a new power is brought to bear—the fear of having his condition suspected.

"They eat and drink and scheme and plod,
And go to church on Sunday;
And many are afraid of God,
And more of Mrs. Grundy."

The farmer is living too fast, enjoying too many luxuries, wasting too much time and running to long a credit account. The credit system is running this whole country. It is a constant temptation to a man to live in $5000 style on a $500 income. Some worthy gentlemen, in discussing the question of taxing mortgages, cry out in a warning voice, "the money will be withdrawn from Kent and invested in the West." Oh, happy day for Kent! A poor farmer would no longer buy an $18,000 farm with $5000 cash and raise the remaining half by mortgage, and in a few short years be aroused to the terrible reality that farm and money are both gone and old age is near at hand.

The Baltimore *Sun* published an article a few weeks ago entitled, "It makes me sick," in which a farmer asks his customhouse friend to engage him a fourth-class room at Cherry Hill Almshouse, as he has sold his corn for 32c. a bushel, and has to give 18 bushels of corn for a derby, 50 bushels for a pair of boots and 100 bushels for a suit of clothes. Well, I think a fourth-class room is just what he dessrves, if he cannot better regulate his expenses to suit his income, than to wear hats which cost $5.76 and boots which cost $16. I suppose he agrees with the gentleman from Kent, who says any laborer with reasonable economy can support a family on wages of from $12 to $15 a month and save $100 per annum. I consider his estimate very fine, far too fine for practical use. Instead of stopping some of the great leaks, how easy to turn to the poor laborer saying, "Let us make up our abundance from his pittance." Alas! that man should see only his own success in his brother's failure, never pausing to remember that we are all children of the same dear God. Corn and wheat do not pay. Then why cultivate them longer. We must find new crops adapted to our soil and climate, that *will pay*. A neighbor has sold $500 worth of poultry this winter and has more to sell. He has discovered sometime ago that it will not do to depend entirely on even peaches. It is to be hoped that the many wise hints by progressive farmers, offered at the recent farmers meeting for making farming a more lucrative business, may be carried to each farmer's home and pondered upon until they shall bring forth golden fruits. OLIVE MOORE.

These Have Passed.

The public school examinations closed on Thursday last, to the great relief of both over-worked teachers and anxions scholars. After many random guesses on the part of many children in regard to the final result of their half year's work, the marks were given out on Friday, and while a few were so unfortunate as to fall below the standard, as will be seen, a greater portion came out with flying colors and highly satisfactory marks. To those who failed we would say, do not be discouraged, but try again, perseverance, industry and merit will finally win.

The following is the list of those who made an average of over eighty during the session and in the examinations just closed:

EIGHTH GRADE.

Hallie Ireland	95	Effie Crouch	84
Clara Usilton	92	Grace Greenwood	81
Clare Vannort	88	Daisy Brice	80
Fannie Baker	85		

SEVENTH GRADE.

Emma McFeely	87	Annie Downey	81
Anna Smith	83		

SECOND-SIXTH GRADE.

Howard Fowler	89	Anna Burchinal	84
Bessie Stuart	86	Addie Hampton	84

FIRST-SIXTH GRADE.

Mamie Thompton	88	Percy Hendrickson	81
Earle Usilton	82	Eddie Boston	80

SECOND-FIFTH GRADE.

Amy Russell	94	May Fallowfield	83
Mamie Carroll	91	Harry Gould	81
Tannie Willis	90	Pearl Shuster	80
Harry Rickey	80		

FIRST-FIFTH GRADE.

Lillie Crow	92	Grace Todd	86
Mabel Graham	91	Bessie Cannon	83
Emma Greenwood	89	Mamie Kirby	83
Clara Downey	86	May Hill	82

FOURTH GRADE.

Grace Whaland	94	Wade Hampton	85
Jose. Pennington	93	Sadie Hendrickson	85
John Toulson	92	Katie Shuster	84
George McFeely	91	George Gardner	84
Frank Wood	91	Webster McIntire	84
Frank Smith	91	Robt. McWhorter	83
Anna Franklin	90	Emma Leaverton	83
Winnie Hamilton	89	Lemont Thompson	83
Sophie Rose	89	Eugene Lucas	82
Carrie Byron	88	Charlie Pippin	82
Harry Fallowfield	88	Annie Thompson	81
Waters Russell	87	May Pennell	80
Charlie Clow	85		

THIRD GRADE.

Mamie Barnes	98	Lulie Kirby	89
Mary A. Brown	98	Fannie Godwin	89
Annie Gosich	96	Claude Parks	88
May Shuster	95	Josephine Thompson	87
Lucy Fogwell	94	Clarissa Richards	86
Clara Hampton	93	Isabell Beck	85
Gertie York	93	Milton Peregory	84
May Cannon	91	John Hamilton	81
Hope Pennell	91	Earle E. Joiner	80
Raymond Simpers	90		

SECOND GRADE.

Zoa. Elliott	98	Barbara Anthony	90
Dollie McWhorter	97	Lizzie Qulette	90
May Crow	97	Harry York	90
Hallie Fogwell	96	Helen Blackiston	89
Bessie Wheatley	96	Frank Hines	88
Mary Todd	96	Lizzie Willis	88
Linda Lewis	95	Philip Lewis	87
John Cooper	94	Bertha Smith	87
Bessie Coleman	93	Annie Johnson	87
Ada Barnett	93	Florence Green	86
Earle Simpers	93	Jessie Graham	86
Annie Carter	92	Walter Sappington	86
Hayward Meeks	92	Walter Wright	84
Frank Howard	91	Charlie Frazier	84
Harry Barnes	91	Edna Chapman	82

THIRD-FIRST GRADE.

Staunton Brown	98	Blanch Dugan	89
Nora Boston	97	Allie Elliott	87
Pearl Hendrickson	92	Carl Russell	84
Willie Calder	92	Maud Thompson	82
Benia Dill	91	Harry Bramble	82
Paul Russell	90		

SECOND-FIRST GRADE.

George Pennington	90	Macie Chapman	83
Lillie Greenwood	88	Blanch Elliott	80

FIRST-FIRST GRADE.

Mary Carter	92	Oscar Shuster	90

Children Enjoy

The pleasant flavor, gentle action and soothing effects of Syrup of Figs, when in need of a laxative and if the father or mother be costive or billious the most gratifying results follow its use, so that it is the best family remedy known and every family should have a bottle.

How They Kiss.

The Crumpton girl gets a grip on herself,
As she carefully takes off her hat;
Then she grabs the prize in a frenzied way,
Like a terrier seizing a rat.

The Still Pond girls, so gentle and sweet,
Let their lips meet the coming kiss
With a rapturous warmth, and the youthful souls
Float away on a sea of bliss.

The Chesterville girl removes her specks,
And frizes her face with a smile—
And she sticks out her face like an open book,
But "you bet" she misses it a mile.

SPRING POET.

GRANGERS' MEETING.

FAIRLEE, MD., Jan. 30, 1890.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—To-day, the time appointed for the special meeting of the Grange, brought out a considerable number of members and friends. The exercises consisted of singing, reading and recitations. The reading of the *Garner* was omitted. The *Garner* is a paper published monthly by the Grange, and is read at the special meetings by one of the sisters. The reading of a part of the address by the State Master, and the facts contained therein is worthy of some comment. He reports the condition of the farmer as favorable now as when grain was low before the war. He also calls attention to the fact that our exports of grain have decreased in proportion to the reduction in price. Some may explain this by saying that the protected manufacturer consumes our grain at home, but would it not be well to consider if the protection given to the manufacturing industries of this country has not driven other countries to trade where they can deal to better advantage, and thus curtail the market of the agriculturalist. But perhaps I have drifted from my subject for my intention was a short report from the Grange.

After the regular exercises we had supper, as usual, and after supper some enjoyed themselves with music, plays, etc., until it was time to go home. Hoping to meet next Thursday ready for the business of a regular meeting, we will now wait to learn something from the horticultural society now in session in your town, which meeting we hope has been a profitable one as their interest and our own is very near akin. Yours truly,

REPORTER FOR THE GRANGE.

PENINSULA ITEMS.

An apple grown in winter is a curiosity seldom seen in this latitude. Mr. Levi T. Dukes, of Tucahoe Neck, recently found one on a tree which blossomed in September. It was of the "Summer Pippin" variety.—*Denton Journal.*

A grim bachelor has made the count and says that Elkton has 227 marriageable ladies, 36 of whom are widows. He ought to be ashamed of himself for not making the number one less.—*Cecil Democrat.*

The financial condition of Sussex county farmers is deplorable, and now that the cold snap has probably killed the budding fruits, the outlook is anything but encouraging. A general cessation of husbandry in lower Delaware would not be surprising.—*Cecil Star.*

Don't be uneasy about your peaches. Lots of trees have not shown the premature budding.—*Federalsburg Courier.*

Fifty carloads of corn have been brought into this county for sale during the last three months. Before the year is through, the number must amount to many hundreds.—*Delaware Democrat.*

Oysters are now so scarce that a number of Dorchester boats have discontinued work for the season, being unable to make more than the wages of the crew. The scarcity, for this season of the year, is unprecedented.—*Free Press.*

WILMINGTON, Jan. 15.—A letter from Pocomoke City, Md., says that peas were in blossom there yesterday and that ripe strawberries were picked out of doors.

Baltimore Markets.

The Baltimore markets as reported in yesterday's papers were:

WHEAT; The sales of southern wheat were of steamer 2 red to grade at 75c. and No. 2 red at 81. Common and inferior bag and steamboat lots sold at 66, 70, 71, and 72c

The settling price of western was 81vs 81c. yesterday. The sales 1,500 bu. No. 2. red spot at 80⅜c.

CORN; The sales were of bag and steamboat lots of southern and cargoes of western fair white at 38c., prime at 40; prime yellow at 37.

The settling price was 36⅜c., vs. 36¼ yesterday.

MARRIED.

O'NEIL—PEARCE.—At the residence of Mrs. W. S. Melvin, January 29, 1890, by Rev. R. W. Todd, Thomas O'Neil and Miss Lizzie O. Pearce.

USILTON—OLSON.—At the Lutheran Church, Plano, Illinois, Jan. 18, 1890, by Rev. J. W. Richards, Warren Usilton and Miss Lizzie Usilton.

DIED.

SAPPINGTON.—In Chestertown, at the residence of her father on the corner of High and Mill streets, Jan. 31, at 4½ o'clock P. M., Maggie Helena, eldest daughter of James B. and Gertrude Sappington. Interred at Chester Cemetery on Monday, Feb. 3.

NARCROSS.—In Chestertown, at the residence of her daughter, Feb. 2, 1890, Robina Narcross, in her 87th year.

JOINER.—Near Rock Hall, Jan. 27, 1890, after a long and painful illness of heart disease, Elizabeth Joiner, aged 78 years.

Her busy hands are folded,
Her work on earth is done;
Her trials are all ended,
Her heavenly crown is won.

'Tis hard to give our mother up,
But we will be resigned
To Him who is too wise to err,
Too good to be unkind.

BY HER SON.

Epoch.

The transition from long, lingering and painful sickness to robust health, marks an epoch in the life of the individual. Such a remarkable event is treasured in the memory and the agency whereby the good health has been attained is gratefully blessed. Hence it is that so much praise is heard of Electric Bitters. So many feel that they owe their restoration to health, to the use of the Great Alternative and Tonic. If you are troubled with any disease of Kidney, Liver, or Stomache, of long or short standing you will surely find relief by use of Electric Bitters. Sold at 50c. and $1 per bottle at Colin F. Stam's Drug store.

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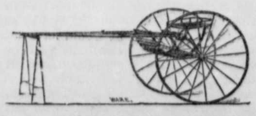

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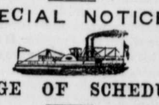

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE!
The daily round trips of steamer
EMMA A. FORD
will be discontinued after Tuesday, October 8 and will leave Chestertown for Baltimore (beginning Wednesday, October 9), at 8 A. M. and thereafter every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at same hour.
Will leave Queenstown at 9.45 A. M.
RETURNING, will leave Baltimore every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 11 A. M.
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Will leave Centreville every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning, at 8.30 A. M., stopping at landings on Corsica river, Bogles, Queenstown, Kent Island and Rock Hall.
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