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THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1891.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—No ice famine next summer.

—Liverymen are praying for snow.

—Fashionable notes—Greenbacks.

—Reduction in white goods—Melting snow.

—The Maryland Court of Appeals convened at Annapolis on Tuesday.

—February 14 will be the day annually celebrated in honor of good St. Valentine.

—February 22, Washington's birthday, the next legal holiday, will fall on Sunday.

—Some wild geese and a few ducks have been in town this week and found sale at fair prices.

—Wheat as a rule is backward throughout the county, due in many cases to lateness of seeding.

—Sportsmen from Chestertown have been trying the ducking shores during the past week, but with poor success.

—A thief or thieves stole nearly fifty chickens from the hennery of Mr. L. C. Hayes, near Galena, on New Year's night.

—According to weather prophets there are fifteen more snow storms due us, but the goose bone has already failed, and why not a few of the storms?

—Mr. George E. Crouch, a well-known wheelwright of Kent Island, has removed to Rolph's wharf, where he will open a blacksmith and wheelwright shop.

—Mr. George Bacon and M. Taylor, in company with two others while out ducking, broke through the ice on Worton creek last week, and narrowly escaped drowning.

—Dr. J. C. Hackett, of Sudlersville, has purchased the drug store of Dr. Butler, in Crumpton, and will conduct the drug business in connection with his profession as physician.

—A very decided thunder storm was an unexpected visitor to Chestertown on Sunday evening last. Rain fell in torrents, and the thunder and lightning were equal to a summer storm.

—Adjutant-General Howard reports the total militia force of Maryland as numbering 2,003. Empty is the armory, Kent's company has gone,—and we wish the armory had gone too.

—On January 1 $17,480.56, State and county taxes, remained unpaid; $66,475.19 had been collected out of a total levy of State and county taxes amounting to $83,955.75 for Kent county.

—The Errickson steamers, which on account of ice were for several trips prevented from making some of their stops, resumed their regular runs and touched Betterton on schedule time Monday.

—A Kent Island gunner succeeded one night last week in shooting four wild geese out of one flock. A thirteen-year-old son of Mr. Thomas White bagged two swan with a Winchester rifle.

—The river at Crumpton was frozen over last week and skating was generally enjoyed—and, by the way, Crumpton is said to have some of the finest skaters on the river numbered among its young men.

—A pleasant dance was given at the home of Mr. Percy Skirven on Tuesday evening. Quite a number of friends assembled, and with good music, a delightful dance was enjoyed until a late hour.

—A horse driven by Mr. Page Strong, on Sunday morning of last week, ran away between St. Paul's church and Edesville, and kicked the carriage to pieces. Mr. Strong was accompanied by his sister, but no one was injured.

—Telephone connection between Chestertown and Centreville, has been interrupted by a break in the line between Church Hill and Price's Station. The break was repaired and communication re-established last week.

—Chestertown fishermen have commenced operations to a limited extent, and as a result some pike and yellow perch have been in the market. A. Benjamin, the earliest mover of the season, was out yesterday and met with fair success.

—Mrs. William T. Dunbracco died at the residence of her husband, in Baltimore, at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, aged about 56 years. She was the daughter of George Vickers, formerly of Centreville, who was for a number of years Register of Wills for Queen Anne's county.

—Chester river tongers were given an unwelcome rest during the recent freeze. First-class oysters sold in Chester river last week at one dollar, and one dollar and ten cents per bushel. Mr. Emory, of Quaker Neck, sent a cargo of about two hundred bushels to the city.

—Mrs. James Thompson, living in Chestertown, had a serious fall on Saturday last. Mrs. Thompson had been standing on a table white-washing, and in attempting to step down the table toppled over, causing her to fall, breaking her arm between the elbow and shoulder.

—Rev. J. A. Farrar, having assumed charge of Shrewsbury Parish, Divine service will be held in both churches every Sunday—Shrewsbury Church, 10½ A. M.; St. Andrew's, 3½ P. M. The morning service at Shrewsbury Church will be continuous. Rev. J. Martin will conduct it in the absence of the rector at St. Andrews.

—The directors of the Centreville National Bank, on Wednesday of last week, declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. clear of all taxes, payable on and after Tuesday. The directors of the Queen Anne's National Bank declared a dividend of three per cent. last week, less State and county tax, payable on and after Tuesday.

—Of the large number of comfortable new homes which have been built in and around Rock Hall and throughout the lower portion of the county, scarcely one of them remains uninsured. We are reliably informed that but *two* are not protected. "A wise distrust is, indeed, the mother of security," as was shown by the number of fires in the county last week.

—Mr. James Satterfield, who lives near Edesville, met with a painful accident on last Sunday morning. While cutting kindling wood the axe caught in a wire clothes-line, which caused the axe to glance, striking him in the forehead, inflicting a severe wound, exposing the skull. Had the wound been caused by a blow from the sharp part of the axe it must have been fatal.

—In another column will be found a letter from Mr. Warfield, president of the Chester River Steamboat Company, correcting the rumor that the company contemplated withdrawing their steamer from Rock Hall. The company claim that Rock Hall is one of their best landings on the route, and that they cannot afford, nor have they any intention of withdrawing their steamer from that point.

—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Gears, who were married in Baltimore, January 13, will hold a reception this evening at the groom's residence in Quaker Neck. Numerous friends and relatives are invited.

—The public school in the first district, taught by Miss Sopha Miller, caught fire about two o'clock on Monday last from an overheated earthen flue through which the stovepipe passed. The rafters caught, and considerable damage was done to the ceiling. The stove was also broken. School duties were suspended for several days while repairs were being made.

—At the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Second National Bank, of Chestertown, for the purpose of electing directors, held on Tuesday last, the old board of directors was continued without any changes being made. The Chestown National held its annual election of directors on the same date, the board of 1890 being continued without any changes.

—Arrangements have been made by the managers of the Peninsula Horticultural Society with the B. & D. R. R. R., by which all persons wishing to attend the sessions, which will commence on January 20, at Easton, Talbot county, and close on 21, may secure reduced rates. Any persons desiring to avail themselves of the opportunity for a delightful trip may receive an order for the reduced tickets by applying at the TRANSCRIPT office.

—A trunk is being put in on the Queen Anne's approach to the Chester bridge, and shells are now being hauled on the sandy road and approach to the bridge on that side. A vessel having on board twelve hundred bushels of shells arrived from Baltimore on Tuesday evening. It is estimated that it will require from two thousand to twenty-five hundred bushels to put the at present sandy road on the Queen Anne's side in good condition.

—The school board on Tuesday last appointed Miss Linda Lusby, assistant teacher at Catt's corner public school, to the principalship of Hopewell school. Miss Cora Hynson was appointed assistant at Catt's corner in place of Miss Lusby, resigned. Miss Lizzie Roberts, fifth assistant at Chestertown public school, handed in her resignation to take effect February 1, and Miss M. Julia Thompson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

—Miss Addie Merritt, of Middletown, Delaware, and Mr. J. C. Statts, of near Sassafras, were married at the residence of the bride's mother, in Middletown, at an early hour on Wednesday evening of last week. The wedding was private, none but the near relatives of the contracting parties being present. After the ceremony the bride and groom left for their future home, near Sassafras. They received numerous costly and handsome presents.

—The store of Mr. Dashiel, situated at Rock Hall, was robbed on Saturday night of about one hundred and eighty dollars in cash, also flour and coffee. The thief is supposed to have secreted himself in the store on Saturday night and remained concealed until the merchant closed the store, as there was evidence that the building was opened from within. The cash was in a box, and Mr. Dashiel believed that no one but himself knew of its hiding place. A writ has been sworn out for suspected parties.

—The church days for the present year are as follows: Septuagesima Sunday, January 25th; Sexagesima Sunday, February 1st; Quinquagesima Sunday, February 8th; Ash Wednesday, February 11th; Quadragesima Sunday, February 15th; Mid Lent, March 4th; Palm Sunday, March 22d; Good Friday, March 27; Easter Sunday, March 29; Low Sunday, April 5; Rogation Sunday, May 3d; Ascension Day, May 7th; Whit Sunday, May 17th; Trinity Sunday, May 24th; Corpus Christi, May 28th; Advent Sunday, November 29.

—Following the discovery of a supposed Indian burying ground near Quaker Neck, several skeletons having been unearthed near that place by the action of the tides and waves of Chester river, six skeletons have been found on the shore of the "Long Marsh" farm on Kent Island, and were unearthed during the recent high tides. The farm has been in the possession of the Ringgold family for a number of years, and none remember of there ever having been a graveyard near the place where the skeletons were found. The place where they were found is supposed to be an old Indian burying ground.

—The Hagerstown *Mail* says: "On Saturday, January 17, in the court room, will be held an important meeting of the Peach Growers' Association of this county. A full attendance is expected. The understanding with the railroads will be thoroughly discussed, and some gentlemen of the canning factory, probably Mr. Hoen and Mr. Fisher, will be there, and propositions will be submitted and considered. The possibilities of the crate and basket factory will receive a due amount of their attention, as a factory of this kind would be of incalculable benefit to our local fruit producers." Will the Farmers' Alliance touch this subject? If not, would it not be a profitable matter for our Kent county peach-growers to consider?

—The District Deputy Grand Chancellor, assisted by S. W. Boyer and D. W. Crosby, installed the following officers of Lankford Lodge, No. 114 K. of P., on Friday night, January 2d: C. C., Wm. R. Hodges; V. C., J. A. Collison; P., Wm. Frazier; M. E., R. W. L. Crouch: M. F., Emory Crouch; K. of R. and S., Clarence Seagar; M. A., Charles Crouch; I. G., Harry Riley; O. G., Thomas Shriver; Rep. to Grand Lodge, R. L. Hynson. On the night following the Deputy, assisted by the P. C's., installed the officers of Chesapeake Lodge, No. 68, as follows: C. C., John Wilson; E. C., J. W. Boyer; P., A. Andrews; M. E., J. D. Ayer's; M. F., John Hogan; K. of R. and S., John Dickinson; M. A., N. R. Satterfield; I. G., J. H. Thomas; O. G., W. H. Isenbrey, Trustee, George Davis; Rep. to Grand Lodge, J. R. Ryan. Both these Lodges show a good financial condition and are still growing numerically. Lankford has 45 members and Chesapeake has 70 members.

—Nicholas H. Rash, who has lived in the upper portion of this county in various places and ways for a good many years, was committed to the House of Correction by Justice William Anthony of McGinness, as being a common vagrant. Constable Joseph R. Sparks, of Crumpton, carried him over Thursday morning on the steamer B. S. Ford from Centreville. Rash, at one time, was a well-to-do and prosperous farmer in this and Kent county, having quite a large personalty and enjoyed the confidence of his acquaintances and neighbors; besides, he had an interesting family, composed of an excellent wife, several sons and daughters, and life seemed as if it could not be brighter when viewed from his situation. Several year ago he started on the down grade, although not a dissipated man, and reached a point of indolence and degradation that his entire family forsook him about two years ago. Since that time he has subsisted on fruits, &c., in summer and pilfering in winter and slept in barns, stables and farmer's straw stacks. He had become such a nuisance that he was arrested and committed as above stated.—*Centreville Record.*

Personal Mention.

Miss Lillie and Maria Cacy and Hallie Crane, of Millington, spent a few hours in Centreville Monday making calls. They came down on the morning train and returned in the afternoon. —*Centreville Record.*

Miss Nelie Walker has returned from a delightful visit to Miss Roberts, of Centreville.

Mrs. W. S. Walker is visiting relatives in Washington, D.C., and will be joined by Miss Nelie the latter part of the present week.

Rev. J. D. C. Hanna, of Wilmington, one of the most popular and eloquent ministers in the Wilmington Conference, will preach in Still Pond M. E. Church next Sunday, 18th inst.

Mr. Charles Barkman, formerly of Baltimore, moved over on Tuesday, and has gone on the Barkman farm near Buckingham wharf, recently vacated by Mr. Wright Crisfield.

Mr. Thomas Hill, of Baltimore city, paid the TRANSCRIPT a pleasant call last week. Mr. Hill was in the county attending to his farming interests.

Mr. Frank Wright, of the commission firm of Wright & Loney, spent several days of the present week in Kent and Queen Anne's, prospecting in regard to the fruit crop of 1891.

Miss Lillian Hynson, after a protracted visit to friends in New Jersey and Baltimore, returned to her home on Tuesday.

Miss Lynah, after having enjoyed a delightful visit as the guest of Miss Josephine Wickes, left for Philadelphia on Wednesday of last week to visit friends in that city.

We are glad to state that James Thompson, who broke his leg somewhat more than a month ago, has sufficiently recovered to be at his place of business, though on crutches.

Mr John Stuart, who has been quite sick for several weeks, is somewhat improved.

Mr W N E Wickes has been quite sick at his home for several weeks past, but is convalescing, and was on the street yesterday.

J A Perkins, Jr, returned to Chestertown last week, and is quite sick at the home of his parents on Queen street.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Dr. W. S. Twilley, and Edwina Spalding Boyer, both of Baltimore city, at First Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, on Tuesday, January 20th, at five o'clock P. M. Dr. W. S. Twilley is a son of Dr. J. T. Twilley, of Chestertown, and is one of the most successful practicing dentists of Baltimore city, and has a large circle of friends in Kent.

Edward Lambert, of Chestertown, received on January 10, the appointment of Road Postal Clerk on the run between Seaford and Cambridge, in the place of W. O. Wright, deceased. Mr. Lambert, with thirteen others, took the civil service examination at Wilmington, Delaware, on August 5, receiving an average of 93.61, and was the only one to pass, the others failing to make the required average of 75. The route is about 35 miles. The new clerk will enter upon his duties on January 20. Mr. Lambert's record warrants the assertion that there is no doubt that the duties of his position will be successfully discharged. Genial and obliging, the patrons of the Seaford and Cambridge route need entertain no doubts in regard to the representative from Kent giving eminent satisfaction in his new office. He is a loyal Republican, and was the only eligible applicant for preferment on the Eastern Shore.

Death of John W. Morgan.

John W. Morgan died on Wednesday, January 7, at the home of his son, County Commissioner Robert C. Morgon, in Galena, in the eighty-second year of his age. He was a native of Cecil county, having been born in Sassafras Neck, where he spent many years of his life engaged in farming. While in Cecil county he was for many years a justice of the peace in the first district. In 1851 he ran for the House of Delegates on the Democratic ticket with John T. Richards and John Mackie, and was the only one of the three elected. Geo. Ricketts and Cornelius Smith were the successful Whigs. Mr. Morgan was elected judge of the Orphans' Court in 1867, having for his associates the late Judge Levi H. Evans and Judge James M. Evans, who is still on the bench. He married a Miss Gale, by whom he had eleven children. Her death antedated that of her husband several years. Mr. Morgan moved to Kent county about fourteen years ago, where he resumed farming until the election of President Cleveland, who appointed him postmaster at Galena.

Mr. Morgan was always a staunch Democrat, having cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson in 1832, and for sixty years never failed to cast a straight Democratic ballot, except when prevented by Federal soldiers during the late war. He was a son of Capt. James Morgan, of the war of 1812, and grandson of Col. John Wood, of Revolutionary fame. Mrs. Morgan died about four years ago, after a married life of over fifty years.

Six sons and three daughters survive them, and a large number of nephews and neices. Among the latter are A. C. Pennington, of Baltimore, and T. C. Cruikshank, Mrs. Geo. W. Cruikshank and Mrs. David P. Davis, of Cecil county.

Funeral took place on Saturday morning last, from the residence of his son, R. C. Morgan, Galena. Rev. E. H. Nelson, of Galena M. E. Church, preached a funeral sermon at the house, and Rev. Dr. Duncan, of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Cecil county, conducted the services at the grave, interment being made at St. Stephen's Church. The pall-bearers were: J. C. Price, of Cecil; C. J. Scott, W. A. Hyland, W. H. Pennington, Samuel Todd and T. J. Shallcross.

In the Courts.

In the commissioners court on Tuesday, the petition of sundry citizens of 3d district to straighten and widen road from Coleman's to Fishing Valley to a uniform width of 40 feet, was received and filed. Board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for orders on sundry funds, provided for by levy in 1890 and for levy in 1891.

Orphans' court, January 13, 1891. C. J. Scott, executor of John F. Watts, passed his first and final administration account. Mary C. Wilson, administratrix of William Wilson, passed her first and final administration account. Mary G Young, administratrix of James Young, passed her first and final administration account. In pursuance of notice of vacancy in Washington College of scholarship for Kent county, the following young gentlemen applied for the said scholarship: Carole C Perkins, Wm Boggs, J Roy Roseberry, Hope C Copper, Walter Hill and C C Brown. The award will be made at the next session of the court.

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Good-Bye to Skating.

If there is any one thing more than another which will send a glow of health to the cheek, and a sparkle of delight to the eye of the average American boy or girl,—and, indeed, we do not mean to modify the expression "boy or girl" by rigid bounds of age,—it is the fascinating sport of skating. Old age on runners disports itself with the suppleness of youth on dry land, and of all sports skating stands pre-eminently the most delightfully fascinating. The cold, frosty weather of last week afforded an opportunity for rare sport in this direction for Chestertown skaters.

The mill pond gave the first solid ice, and, notwithstanding the dangers of treacherous air-holes and weakening springs, the pond presented a gay and animated scene for several day, with no accidents to mar the pleasure of the first real skating carnival enjoyed during several years. The river, too, was the scene of even more elaborate enjoyment than that afforded by the mill pond.

The highest point of the exciting pleasure, however, was reached on Friday evening, when about seventy skaters who had been enjoying the afternoon on runners, suddenly discovered that a rise of the tide had cut off communication with the shore. Excitement ran high, but by means of boards and a gentleman who stood for more than an hour in the water, carrying the ladies and a number of men to shore, the anxiety of the nervons and the pleasurable variety of the position to some others were ended. Several were successful in securing cold-water baths. The position was rather dangerous than otherwise.

The warm sun of Saturday put an end to the sport, and many wistful glances were cast toward the river as the smooth ice-fields were gradually broken and carried off by the tide. Saturday completed the destruction of the sport, and skates and skating wraps were laid aside to await the return of cold weather. Never was ice more cruelly treated by being set upon, fallen upon and gotten upon in a vast number of ways than during the recent freeze. Humility was the prevailing characteristic of some pleasure-seeker, and the question seemed to be, to ascertain the extent of the thoroughly lowly position which they could acquire. But skating has gone, and bruised limbs are recovering for another trial with the ice.

MILLINGTON NOTES.

Much Needed Improvements and Other Matters.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—Although some of our neighboring towns are a little in advance of us in the improvement line, still, we get there after awhile. The long talked of street lamps have at last made their appearance. They were lighted for the first time on Saturday night last, and add a great deal to the looks of the town, besides being a very necessary convenience to those who find it necessary to be on the streets after dark. What we have lost in time in getting this long felt want supplied, we have made up in brilliancy of light. There are fifteen new lamps, besides quite a number of private ones, which the town will now take care of, with the prospect of a dozen more new ones in the near future.

Mrs. A. E. Crane and her daughter, Miss Hallie Crane, spent Saturday and Sunday last at Mr. F. A. Emory's, who has been quite sick.

Miss Helen Power, who has been in Philadelphia for the last two weeks, receiving treatment for her hand, which was very badly burned by hot greese, returned home Friday last much better.

Jas Johnson, Jr, son of Mr. Jas Johnson, who has been quite sick for the past two weeks, is up and about again.

The Misses Cacy and Miss Hallie Crane spent the day in Centreville last week.

The next improvement our town needs most is the paving of its streets. Lots of our young men when they have their shoes nicely shined and on their way to call on their best girl, complain of having to wade ankle-deep in the mud. It is also very unpleasant for people in general.

Edward Hackett, son of Bedford Hackett, formerly of this place, but who now lives in Gloucester county, Va., is visiting friends and relatives here.

There was no service at the P. E. church here on Sunday last, owing to the inclemency of the weather. C. C.

Rock Hall Items.

ROCK HALL, Jan. 14, 1891.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Colder weather reached us last week, and the creeks were frozen over again, preventing the oystermen from work, but not sufficiently tight to stop steamboat traffic. The ice was heavy enough for skating on the small inlets and ponds, and a large number of young men and boys enjoyed the sport.

The promotion of Capt. Wm. Taylor as captain of the Emma A. Ford brings Capt. Clark back on his boat again. His many friends at this place are glad to see him at his old post of duty.

Mrs. Ballard, proprietress of the Chesapeake House, has gone to the city to spend the winter months. During her absence Mrs. Satterfield, adjoining the hotel, will accommodate the drummers and other business men who visit here.

Mr. Ascher's Jack has once more put in an appearance, and his musical voice can be heard for miles around. Nimrod is a pretty little creature, weighing about 550 pounds.

The pungy Wm. Nelson, which was ashore in Durden's creek, has been floated off, and is in the care of Capt. Charles Stevens, who will take her to Baltimore as soon as the weather permits. She belongs to Mr. Michael Martin, of Baltimore city.

Dr. A. P. Sharp is selling off some of the best building lots he has ever sold. They are in south Rock Hall, opposite the new Catholic Church.

There are several idle houses with us this year, owing to the fast failing of the oyster interests at this place.

Mrs. Mary Ashley has rented the small store-house belonging to A. Alexander, near the centre of the village, and is thinking of starting a millinery store.

Mr. Benjamin Ashley, one of the young men who went to North Carolina, has sent his sister a small box of pretty shells and stones, which, he says, he picked up on the flats and in shoal water.

Mr. Benjamin Melvin and several other young men, of lower Queen Anne's, are visiting Frank Satterfield, of this place.

Mr. Walter Dickinson has returned from the city, where he has been visiting relatives and friends.

The pungy Ann Parker, Capt. Henry Urie, sprung aleak while coming up the bay opposite Sharp's Island, with a load of oysters in. The captain says it took continuous pumping to keep her free. He went to the city and sold his oysters, and then brought her over to our ship-yard to be overhauled.

The health of our people in general, is good at this writing, there being no cases of sickness to my knowledge.

The revival still continues, with one conversion up to date.

No more at present.

Yours truly, X.

A DELIGHTFUL CONTEST.

A Spirited Contest for Oratorical Honors.

The very prosy state of social entertainments, which has for some time been hanging over the denizens of Still Pond and Betterton, had such record broken by one of those—now not rare events—a Demorest Silver medal contest at Betterton, M. E. Church, Friday, 2d inst. The interest in this event was unmeasurably materialized, if we possess any conception of a crowded house. The presiding head, Rev. J. D. Rigg, observing the intense enthusiasm pervading the audience, requested a suppression of applause. This was evidently not a well-timed, or wisely considered policy, for, had the volume of encased rapture been allowed escapement through the medium of the well lasted sole, the unreliable foundation of that church would have been irreparably wrecked—good resulting—a new church edifice for Betterton.

It is just possible, the pastor (Rigg) in requesting quiet of the audience, had other good and thoughtful motives prompting in being led to notice the unstable condition of the overhaning ceiling, and fearing it would break loose and be precipitated upon the head covered with "a love of a bonnet," or possibly his compassionate eye was directed to the *uncovered* head of a veteran prohibitionist, suspecting said head might not be entirely proof against injury in such collapse of ceiling.

The medal contestants were: Misses Lizzie and Mabel Rasin, Kate and Mina Crew, Lenora and Anna Wheeler and Lizzie Burton.

In the delivery of the recitations we cannot speak in too much praise. Each selection was well and impressively rendered. So well executed, indeed, as to create with the audience quite a division of opinion as to the best. The line was drawn, however, through the combined estimate of three discriminating judges, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Turner and Messrs. Norris Barnard and G. B. Krusen, Jr. Rev. Rigg expressed much regret that he had only one medal at his command to carry out his benevolent feelings, but his good motives were powerless to do more than be held in obedience to the decision of the judges, he, therefore, in a few appropriate remarks, presented the medal to Miss Lizzie Barton, she responding in neat and modest thanks, took her seat amid tumultuous applause.

The choir at this contest comes in for more than a passing notice. Master Harris Crew, the organist, possesses well-controled ease, and evidenced a proficiency in music not often met with in one of more mature years. His rapid adaptability to music is most creditable to the skillful training of his preceptress. The quartette, Misses Annie, Susie and Kate Crew, and L. Scott, merit conspicuous mention for excellence of expression, clear and well-controlled voices, emphasizing a symphony and spirit that gives full force and zest to the rendition of "Silver Lake" music.

VISITOR.

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS.

Peaches vs. The Weather—The Temperature of the Present Season Contrasted with the Last.

The fruit-growers of the South Mountain attach great importance to the conditions of the weather, as the influence exercised by its temperature upon the prospective yield of fruit is one of the chief elements bearing upon its development. Owing to the phenominal conditions of heat and cold during the winter of '89-'90, the total failure of the peach crop, last season, is ascribed. Mr. J. Mitchel Stover, whose extensive operations and intelligent observations in this field of enterprise, are well known, and who takes peculiar pleasure in imparting to others the results of his labor and experience, recently directed our attention to the series of weather charts which Mr. Chas. Feldman, of the Cumberland Valley Railroad office, Hagerstown, has been keeping since the fall of 1889.

The high temperature of the month of December, 1889, was the cause of the general failure of the fruit crop and particularly of the peaches. During that month only one day, and that the last day of the month, did the thermometer register a point below freezing, when it was 30 degrees, and but three days did it touch 32, or freezing point. It was this temperature, along with the warm rains that attended it, that forced the buds into an early bloom, in which condition they were unable to withstand the rigorous season which followed in March.

During the month of March, as contrasted with the month of December, the result is striking. Fifteen days did the thermometer register 30 degrees and lower, and on March the 7th only 8 degrees above zero.

Coming into the fall of 1890, we find a marked and most gratifying difference in the record of temperature. Commencing October 1, the temperature gradually lowered through the month, as it also did during the months of November and December. The mean temperature during October, was 57 degrees; November 45, and December 31. During these last two months, the temperature rose as high as 60 degrees one day, but continued through but a portion of it; and besides this there were a few warm spells of short duration, presenting a strong contrast of the weather of the preceding year as above shown.

It is considered that the dangerous period has now been passed with safety, and should the weather continue in the condition now indicated, there is almost an assurance of a yield of fruit, in 1891, as bountiful as was that of 1890 a failure.—*Hagerstown Mail.*

Mr. George W. Lockwood, of near Warwick, one of the most successful farmers in this neighborhood, and who has a very large acreage in peach trees, was asked by the writer a few days ago, if he thought the present cold weather would be favorable to a good peach crop. He replied that he was of the opinion, and had invariably found it to come true that "favorable weather meant favorable crops." There is much good sound common sense in that quotation, and we can only hope that Mr. Lockwood may find it to come true this year.

William Kelley, an extensive peach-grower of Caroline county, Md., expresses the belief that should there be a crop of peaches this year the fruit will be perfect. He bases the belief on the theory that the total failure of the crop last year killed the curculio.—*Middletown Transcript.*

New Advertisements.

Mrs. Josias Ringgold advertises in this issue for music scholars.

The Farmers' League publishes notice of meeting.

Samuel Comegys, sheriff, will sell the farm of John C. Sutton, in the second district, on Saturday next, January 17.

THE BALTIMORE SUN ALMANAC for 1891 has been received, and is a veritable encyclopædia of valuable information. The great newsgatherer has combined in a space of one hundred and eighteen pages more information than is often found in as many volumes of the average library.

Items from Still Pond.

STILL POND, Jan. 13, 1891.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—A Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been organized at this place with a membership of about twenty-five persons. The first meeting was held in the M. E. Church, and officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. James S. Harris; vice-president, Mrs. M. J. Howard; recording secretary, Mrs. N. Barnard; corresponding secretary, Miss Gulie Parrott; treasurer, Miss Annie Roeder. Other ladies prominently mentioned as having joined and taking an active interest in the union are: Mrs. J. D. Rigg, Mrs. Dr. W. S. Maxwell, Mrs. R. T. Turner, Jr., Mrs. T. L. Norris, Misses Nellie and Irene Covington, Sue and Birdie Jump, Mary Wilson, Nettie Howard and Eva Busick. The ladies are very enthusiastic and mean business. That the organization will prosper there can be no doubt, for the members as well as the officers are a very intelligent and active body, and are not daunted by small obstacles, when they are endeavoring to accomplish certain purposes.

The Still Pond Minstrel Troupe, formed about two weeks ago, and consisting of fourteen members, are practicing diligently and intend giving an entertainment in the Still Pond hall in about two weeks. The troupe has some first-class material in it, and we may expect an interesting entertainment. The boys should be encouraged, and a large audience will have much to do with it.

We are pleased to know that Rev. J. D. Rigg, who was hurt not long ago by a fall, is much improved.

Miss Mary Brown, of Talbot county, is the guest of the Misses Jump, at Locust Lawn.

Miss Emilee Broomell, of Phila., is visiting Mrs. R. T. Turner, Jr.

Geo. C. Howard, of New York city, is down for a few weeks visiting his mother, Mrs. M. J. Howard, and his numerous friends.

The change in the weather makes us feel so very sorry for the boys, and they fell almost as badly themselves. The newly bought skates must be laid on the shelf.

The farmers predict a good crop of fruit for this season, if the weather keeps cool, like we have had the past few weeks.

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PENINSULA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The next meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society will be held in Easton, Talbot county, Md., January 20, 21 and 22, 1891. From the assurances given by prominent workers in Horticulture in Delaware and Maryland, and those in the United States Department of Agriculture, there is no doubt but that this meeting will be of unusual interest. The practical results that have been secured in the past year by horticultural investigations, especially such as concern the people of this Peninsula, will be given. Committees which will report at the meeting have been chosen, and are as follows:

New Fruits—Dr. Henry Ridgely, Dover; E. W. Bancroft, Camden; H. W. Vickers, Chestertown; R S Griffith, Sassafras; D W Corbet, Odessa; W H Case, Felton; S H Messick, Bridgeville.

Nomenclature—J W Kerr, F D Chester, I H Wright.

Peaches—J Alex Fulton, Esq., Dover; Charles Wright, Seaford; J P R Polk.

Pears—John Bell, Chestertown; E. R. Cochran, Middletown; J. A. Pearce, Esq., Chestertown; J. H. Myer, Bridgeville.

Apples—J. G. Brown, Wyoming; Geo. Biddle, Cecilton; N. Barnard, Still Pond.

Small Fruits—A. W. Slaymaker, Camden; J. B. Gilchrist, Milford; John Barwick, Kent county.

Marketing Fruit—Col E L Martin, Seaford; A W Brown; P Emerson.

Fertilizers—J S Harris, Still Pond; A L Hudson; J C Phillips, Salisbury.

Floriculture—Dr R Hargadine; C Cox Hopper, Chestertown; Dr E Lewis.

Vegetables—Paynter Frame, G W McNeath, Thos L Townsend.

Injurious Insects—Prof Beckwith, of Delaware Experimental Station.

Nut-bearing Trees—A J Wilson, Easton; L P Gowgill; J A Fulton.

Each county has a vice-president, who will be called upon to report upon the fruit industry in his county.

Card orders entitling the holder to reduced railroad rates can be secured by addressing the secretary, Wesley Webb, Dover, Del.

A J Wilson and J L Banning are the committee to make the local arrangements for hotel, for hall and for addresses of welcome.

Baltimore Market.

The Baltimore grain market ranges about as follows:

WHEAT.—Small lots of Southern 97 cts a$1.00. Western No. 2 red 93a97 cts, for May 102½c. Close of change easy at 96¾ for No. 2 red spot in January, 102a102½c. for May, 95a103c. for Southern Fultz and 100a103c. for do. Longberry.

CORN.—Sales of Southern white 60a61c; yellow, 61a62; close of change 59 cents bid for mixed spot, 58¾ cents bid for January, 58a58¾ cents for May, 59¾a61 cts for Southern white, and 60a62 cents per bushel for do. yellow on the spot.

EAR CORN.—New Ear Corn is selling at 3.10a$3.20 per bbl of 350 lbs for yellow, and 2.90a$3.00. Jobbing 10 cents higher.

MARRIED.

CROUCH—BLACKISTON.—In Baltimore, Jan. 12, 1891, at the residence of the bride's aunt, by Rev. W. R. Strickden, Charles W. Crouch and Miss Grace F. Blackiston, both of near Rock Hall.

GEARS—TINDALL.—In Baltimore, Jan. 13, 1891, by Rev. J. Smith, Samuel P. Gears, of Kent county, and Miss Christina Tindall, of Balto.

JOINER—COSDEN.—At the M. P. Parsonage, Rock Hall, Jan. 7, 1891, by Rev. B. F. Benson, James R. Joiner and Miss Catherine M. Cosden.

DAVIES—BLACKISTON.—On Jan. 7, 1891, at Wesley Chapel M. P. Church, by Rev. D. W. Bates, D. D., Henry L. Davies and Miss Mary Naomi Blackiston, eldest daughter of John Blackiston, all of this county.

COLEMAN—ELBOURN.—At the residence of Charles Downey, Rock Hall, Jan. 3, 1891, by Rev. Robert Roe, William W. Coleman and Miss Nora V. Elbourn, both of Piney Neck, this county.

DIED.

DUNBRACCO.—In Baltimore, Jan. 13, 1391, Mrs. Wm. T. Dunbracco, aged about 56 years.

MORGAN.—At the home of his son in Galena, January 7, 1891, John W. Morgan, in the 82d year of his age.

GARDNER.—At Chesapeake City, Saturday, Jan. 3, 1891, Rev. Samuel T. Gardner, of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, aged 60 years.

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