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LOCAL MATTERS.

—Trim grape vines this month.

—Maple buds in Chestertown are in full blossom.

—What has become of the much predicted blizzard.

—Chestertown enjoyed the rarity of two minstrel shows last week

—A large coop of pigeons was shipped to Baltimore yesterday by Col. William J. Vannort.

—Robins and bluebirds are here. Does it mean that these are really the messengers of spring?

—The delightful entertainment by the Schubert Quartette will be given at Stam's Hall on Saturday evening next.

—Oyster suppers have not been fashionable fads of the winter of 1891. Too much tariff on the Kent county luxury is the reason.

—The ground-hog has beaten the Greely-Hicks weather combination during the present month. He has struck close to the mark so far.

—We are indebted to Mr. Joseph Turner for one of his neat and convenient calendars for 1891. Thanks for the kindly remembrance.

—The Chinese New Year commenced with Saturday, February 7. The festival in honor of the event continued throughout the following week.

—With the advent of Lent on Wednesday of last week, the social season of the county settled to its lowest point of pleasurable excitement.

—We venture the assertion, that Rock Hall was the only town of its size in the State where no valentines werr on sale in some of its stores, prior to February 14.

—A delightful surprise and masquerade party was given at the home of Mr. Victor Hendrickson last night. Quite a number were present, and a pleasant evening enjoyed.

—Between seventy-five and one hundred people are reported as having been turned away from the door at the recent entertainment by the Still Pond Minstrel Troupe at Rock Hall.

—George Cannon, of Crumpton, caught the first Chester river herring of the season, on February 11. The fish was small but was evidently the pioneer of the season's run.

—Lizzie Roberts was arrested on Monday charged with disorderly conduct, and fined two dollars and costs by Justice Dodd, and in default of payment was lodged in jail.

—A skunk hide was a curiosity shown by a furrier in Chestertown on Saturday. The animal was killed near Church Hill, in Queen Anne's county. The skins are worth two dollars and a half.

—Lenten services in Shrewsbury church every Wednesday at 3 P. M.; and every Friday at 7 P. M., in St. Andrew's, Galena. Subject this week—"The Temptation of Christ," by Rev. J. A. Farrar.

—Some of the finest cabbage ever raised in Kent county is now being shipped from Chestertown to the Baltimore market. It has always fallen to the lot of Eastern Shoremen to feed their city relatives.

—Tomato growers in sections of the Peninsula are demanding $6.50 per ton for their fruit for the approaching season. What are Kent county growers demanding? or are they making demands at all?

—The Wilmington M.E. Conference will meet in Centreville March 19th next and arrangements for entertaining the ministers who will attend have been completed. Two hundred and fifty homes are required.

—Robert Salter, a colored barber, of Chestertown, was arrested on Saturday last by Constable Simpson, charged with disorderly conduct. A hearing was had before Magistrate Dodd, and Salter fined one dollar and costs, and lodged in jail in default of payment. The fine was afterward paid and the man released.

—Sunday next, Feb. 22, will be the one hundred and fifty-eighth anniversary of George Washington. As the day falls on Sunday all banks, Federal offices and public institutions will as a rule recognize the following Monday as a legal holiday and suspend business. In Worcester county the public schools will be closed on February 23. In Kent the schools will open as usual.

—Commander Joseph B. Seth, of the State Fishery Force, has invited the Governor of Virginia and the United States Fish Commissioner to co-operate with him in an inspection and survey of the Chesapeake oyster grounds, with a view to their improvement. The Governor of Virginia says he will be glad to unite in an inspection of the Maryland oyster beds during the spring or fall.

—Mr. Joseph Peterson, cashier of the Chestertown National Bank, met with an unpleasant experience several days ago. Mr. Peterson was riding on horseback over his farm, situated near Chestertown, when his horse sunk up to his body in the mud. The rider in order that his horse might easily free itself from its unpleasant position, undertook to extricate his feet from the stirrups. Just at that moment, however, the animal commenced lunging and dragged its rider for some distance in the mud by one foot which was caught in the stirrup.

—The European trip contest, inaugurated by Bishop Curtis, of the Diocese of Wilmington, was settled last Monday afternoon at the Bishop bazaar in Wilmington. The Rev. D. J. Flynn is the winner, defeating Father Bermingham by over $3,000 in the cash turned in. The contest brought to the bazaar the total sum of $23,318.25. The respective sums were: Father Flynn, 13,288.00; Bermingham, 10,030.25; total, $23,318.25. Both clergymen are well known in this county. Letters of congratulation are in order.—*Centreville Record.*

—Mrs. Marion deK. Smith met with a serious accident on Sunday afternoon about one o'clock. At the time of the accident, Mr. Smith was standing talking with a colored man, and hearing a noise turned to ascertain the cause, and saw his wife falling headforemost down a flight of fifteen steps. Mrs. Smith was painfully cut over the left eye; her glasses were broken, severely lacerating her face, and for more than an hour she lay unconscious. The only account of the accident which the injured lady can give, is, that she had been lying on the bed asleep and is entirely unconscious of anything further until consciousness returned after the fall. She has no idea when she got up from the bed or anything about it. Mrs. Smith is a heavy person, and her escape from far more serious injuries is almost a marvel.

—The county commissioners placed the insurance on the court house and jail in the Ætna Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., on Tuesday. The Ætna stands among the most responsible and satisfactory companies doing business in the United States, and its rate of insurance was lower than any competitive bidder. Mr. Harry L. Boyd is the agent for Kent county.

—Many farmers of the county had commenced plowing before the wet weather set in, but the recent heavy rains have compelled them to discontinue. Advantage should be taken of the weather to get the odds and ends of farm work arranged. Implements should be gotten in place and overlooked, preparatory to spring work. By a timely attendance to the many small things on a farm, the loss of much valuable time will be avoided.

—Contractor Stuart on Tuesday again commenced the unfinished repairs on Chester bridge. A force of men are now at work driving the brace-piles, about one hundred and fifty of which remain to be driven. The length of time required for a completion of the work of course depends largely upon the weather. It will, however, be forced to completion as rapidly as possible.

—The very latest in the way of preparing the royal canvas-back duck is as follows: First the breasts are sliced off, then the rest of the creature, bones included, is put into a press, on the same principle as a letter-copying press, and the screw is turned till the pieces trickle out. These are caught up and used as sauce on the breast meat. This new mode was not tried at the elegant supper at which Congressman Gibson, of Maryland, was present in Baltimore about ten days ago.

—The Seneca wheat and oat note cases are still bobbing up serenely. The latest of these interesting cases was decided in the Carroll county circuit court on Saturday. It was a ten-dollar case, and was ended by a verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount and interest. The parties to the suit were Geo. P. Buckey, a banker, of Union Bridge, and Samuel Harwick, a Taneytown district farmer. The suit lasted three days and was hotly contested, nearly all the prominent members of the Carroll county bar having been employed in the cases. The defense failed to bring home to the holder of the note, who obtained it by purchase, a knowledge of the nature of the transaction in which it was given, and hence the result. That court has repeatedly decided that payment of these notes cannot be enforced by a holder having such knowledge at date of purchase.

—Says the *Farm and Home*: The cultivated peach is supposed to have descended from a small native tree of Persia, or at least South-Central Asia, bearing an acrid poisonous fruit, scarcely, if ever eatable. The almond is considered a selected offshoot from the peach, and both bred from time immemorial; the peach in the line of its goodness of pulp and the almond line of goodness of its kernel or seed in the food or luxuries for man. The peach has been selected from seedlings, since long before the dawn of man's history, in the line of its delicious pulp, without any reference whatever to the health, vigor or hardiness of the tree. This breeding constantly in one line alone has resulted in the whole race or stock becoming enfeebled and diseased. This feebleness and liability of tree, foliage and tree to diseases, such as the yellows, rot of the fruit, curl of the leaf and the inability to withstand cold and climatic changes, seems to increase, rendering this, the easiest of all the fruits for the pioneers of this country to grow, the hardest now to fruit successfully.

—Saturday last, Feb. 14, was the day set aside in commemoration of the good St. Valentine, and was duly observed in Chestertown. As indicated by overflowing mail bags, the day was not forgotten elsewhere. The "small boy" as well as the "big girl," enjoyed the sport of sending all manner and kinds of messages, from those of honnied sweetness to the enraging carricature of self "as others see us." Several door-bells were completely wrecked by the enthusiastic pulls of the ubiquitous "small boy" with his "comics." The rare and radiant maidens in their teens did better and wrecked hearts in a more dignified manner. A gay party of merry maskers, representing different characters, made a tour of the town at night, creating much amusement. Dainty little screams given in the most approved and aesthetic manner greeted the odd-looking visitors as they unceremoniously entered the presence of unsuspecting families. The masking was most perfectly done, and only in a few instances were the visitors recognized by their most intimate friends.

—Jeremiah Yorker, a highly respected old colored man of Quaker Neck, was found dead in the woods a short distance from his home on Saturday afternoon. On Friday afternoon he left home for the purpose of going oystering, and not returning at night search was instituted on the following day and the body found about three hundred yards from Shipping creek. His boat was found fastened to the landing and not far distant his gloves were discovered, also a bag of oysters anda wild duck. Further search disclosed evidences that he had tried to obtain entrance at an unoccupied house, failing in this it is supposed he started for home by way of a path through a strip of woods and fell stricken on the way by heart disease. He was found on Saturday afternoon lying on his face. The ground gave evidence of a slight struggle by the dying man. It is supposed that he was returning with his oysters and was taken sick and died from heart disease. Coroner Pippin and Dr. J. A. Catlin, of Chestertown, made an investigation of the case on Sunday, and considered an inquest unnecessary.

—A "Peach Yellows Bill" is one of the important matters expected to be brought before the Delaware Legislature. The bill provides for the total destruction of all diseased trees as soon as evidences of the "yellows" manifests its presence. Before the introduction of the proposed bill, a letter was received form William B. Croft, of Odessa, who claims to have discovered a certain cure for peach yellows, which he has applied successfully for a year or two past to diseased trees in the orchards thereabout, and gave the names of such well-known growers as Columbus Watkins, George L. Townsend, and others, as vouchers to its efficacy. He asks the Legislature not to decree the destruction of the trees until after an investigation of his cure, and he emphasizes his claim to understand fully "the cause, the cure and the prevention" of the disease. He points as proof to trees that he has cured, and certainly puts up a strong case, when backed by the names he gives, and says he intends to make known his remedy in September; that it is composed of cheap materials, and that he is ready to make affidavit to all he says. He did not want to say anything on this subject until next September, but the prospect of the extension of the extirpation act to the whole State has forced him to speak out now.

—The greatest foxhunt of the season took place in Broad Neck last week. Mr. Groves turned out a bag-fox on his Poplar Neck farm which gave a beautiful chase of one and one half hours. Twenty-six huntsmen and forty-six dogs were in the run. Mr. Crew's Black Tempest led the pack, and John Brice, Jr., secured the brush. A second fox was started on the farm of Col. W. J. Vannort, which for two hourse and a half made an elegant run, when he was earthed. In this run the Lankford dogs led, Worton dogs held second place and Queen Anne's dogs struggled to keep up the tail end. On Saturday the second chase at Poplar Neck took place, and his foxship was killed after an exciting run of one and a half hours. After the capture Mr. Groves gave the gentlemen an elegant turkey supper.

Funeral of James H. Plummer.

The funeral of James H. Plummer took place on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, from his late residence in Chestertown. The impressive services were largely attended, and many were forced to remain outside the house, the accommodations being far too limited to admit the large number who were present. The remains were placed in a neat but handsome casket, covered with black cloth, and many friends of the deceased took a last look at the face, which was until so recently a familiar object in the community. A beautiful crown made of roses and other flowers, from the Epworth League, a magnificent pillow of flowers with the word "Father" formed of immortells, a bouquet from his "baby friend," Augusta Aldridge, and some beautiful cut flowers relieved the casket of its sombre appearance.

Two plates, one bearing the words—"James H. Plummer, died February 10, 1891, in his sixty-sixth year," and one inscribed with the words: "Entered into rest," were on the casket lid.

Rev. R. Irving Watkins made appropriate remarks relative to the life and character of Mr. Plummer. A quartette composed of Messrs. S. C. York and Joseph Downey, Miss Fannie Stuart and Miss Annie Lambert sung several beautiful selections, both at the house and at the grave. Among those present were representative men from every section of the county. The pall-bearers were, Dr. J. T. Twilley, James Brice, James A. Shaw, Joel R. Clements, Dr. S. Beck, Wm. B. Usilton.

Memorial services were held in the Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday evening, at which numerous pleasant references were made to the life and Christian character of him, whose later years were passed in the most intimate relation and association with the church and the best interests of the community at large.

In the Courts.

Orphans' Court, Feb. 17, 1891. Letters of administration upon the estate of Mary E. Hepbron and Lewis S. Hepbron, were granted to Hope H. Barroll. James S. Harris, administrator of James A. Moffett, passed his first and final administration account, and filed release from Mattie Moffett. Wm. H. Bowers, executor of Wm. L. Bowers, passed his second administration and first dividend account. Wm. T. Miller and Jeremiah Miller, administrators of John A. Milier, deceased, filed releases from Sarah R. Wood, M. O. Miller and Wm. T. Miller. Sarah E. and G. Irvin Barwick, administrators of John Barwick, filed an inventory of the personal estate of their decedent.

County commissioners met on Tuesday of with full board present. Sundry citizens 2d district presented petition to cut down hills on road from Morgan's creek schoolhouse to Perkins' hill, and T. J. Shalleross and John Groves were appointed committee to examine said hills. Petitions of sundry citizens, heretofore filed, to condemn Green Lane as a public road and condemn landing on Reed Hall creek was considered, and R. B. Willson, W. M. Miller, and Charles C. Wood appointed examiners thereon. Delgates to Immigration Convention held in Baltimore yesterday, were appointed as follows: 1st district, Samuel Cacy and J. Thomas Pennington; 2d district, Eugene M. Bonwell and Alday Clements; 3d district, Thomas Gale and Dr. J. H. Hessey; 4th district, Wm. B. Usilton and Jas. H. Baker; 5th district, R. Bennett Willson and George E. Leary. Upon application, Edward J. Plummer reappointed constable in and for 3d district of Kent county. Harry L. Boyd, agent of Ætna Insurance Co., was awarded the insurance upon the jail and court house, being the lowest bidder.

Church News of Interest.

The date for the meeting of the Wilmington Conference has been changed from Wednesday, March 18, to Thursday, March 19. This change of date is official and was made in order that Bishop Fowler, who will preside at the Pennsylvania Conference the week before, may have an extra day in which to reach Centreville in time to open the conference.

The handsome new organ for the Chestertown M. E. Church will be shipped from the manufacturers in Boston about February 28. The work of making the necessary changes in the church for the reception of the organ will commence possibly next week.

The *Peninsula Methodist* thus refers to the action of the quarterly conference of the Chestertown Methodist Episcopal Church in inviting Rev. R. Irving Watkins to return to his present charge, the coming conference year: "We tender him and his people our hearty congratulations on his gratifying success in meeting the demands of so important a charge, especially as the immediate successor of so popular and efficient a pastor as Dr. Willey."

The conference of the M. E. Church South will meet in Roanoke City, Va., March 12.

FROM FAIRLEE.

Some Items from Our Neighbors.

FAIRLEE, Feb. 18, 1891.

EDS. TRANSCRIPT:—Quite a number of our community have for a week past been on the sick list, the most of whom we are glad to say are now improving.

The last social surprise up to date was held at Mr. R. C. Smyth's, where about forty of their young friends in masks came in about 8 o'clock, and until the hours were about to change large to small ones did they enjoy themselves in dancing, games, etc.

The pulpit at Salem M. E. Church on Sunday last was filled by Rev. ——, of Delaware. His sermon was listened to by an attentive audience. It is stated that he is in the range of probabilities for us another year.

The Tolchester Company will begin their extensive improvements at Tolchester about March 10. The wharf will receive their first attention, where great and marked improvements will be made, both for passengers and freight. The blue smoke can now be seen along our shores from the fishermen's cabins, and they report a few herring on the run, and that great act of driving shad net poles will soon be in vogue. HAPS.

Personal Mention.

Dr. J. H. Willey, formerly pastor of the Chestertown M. E. Church, but at present pastor of the University Avenue Church, Syracuse, New York, is visiting friends in Chestertown.

Rev. Wm. M. Strayer, president of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, is paying his annual visits to the churches in his charge on the Eastern Shore.

On account of illness, Rev. Walter R. Graham was unable to fill his pulpit on Sunday, and consequently there were no services at the church during the day.

At a meeting of the choir of the Methodist Episcopal Church last week, Prof. R. K. Pippin was elected leader of the choir. Mr. Pippin is one of the most successful choir leaders in the county.

Mrs. Staats, the blind lady, who was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital, Baltimore, about three weeks ago, has had an operation performed, and her sight restored. She will leave the hospital this week, and after seven years of total blindness will be able to enjoy seeing so much which has existed to her in name only.

Mr. Harris, who was recently carried to the infirmary in Baltimore, for treatment for blindness, has had an operation performed, and is so much improved that he will return to his home this week.

Wm. Beck, Esq., son of Dr. Samuel Beck and student at the Maryland University of Law, Baltimore, is spending a few days at home.

Mrs. Tilghman Shafer was present last week at the anniversary of her father in Baltimore.

Miss Lizzie H. Roberts left yesterday morning to visit relatives in North Carolina, and expects to be absent from Chestertown about four months.

Mr. Fred. G. Usilton, of the *News*, has been confined to his home for several days with a severe cold.

Mr. W. N. E. Wickes has been confined to his bed for nearly a week past, with an attack of the prevailing severe colds.

Mr. Walter W. Chapman, of the Chestertown National Bank, is enjoying a delightful two weeks trip to Indianapolis, Chicago and other points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Beck, and their ushers, Dr. C. P. Gilpin, Richard D. Hynson and Lewin W. Wickes, Esqs., were elegantly entertained at supper at the home of Dr. Samuel Beck on Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Beck were the guests of Mr. W. S. Walker last evening.

Miss Ellen Fisher, of Edesville, is visiting the Misses Beck on Main street.

Mr. John Bordley, who was taken suddenly ill last week, is convalescing.

Mrs. James A. Shaw left by steamer on Monday for Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Wm. G. Fallowfield, principal of the Chestertown public school, is quite ill at his home with an attack of pneumonia. He is somewhat improved at this writing.

Miss Carrie Jacobs, of Kennedyville, is visiting the home of Mrs. Welch on Maple avenue.

TYMPANITIS IN STOCK.

Valuable Suggestions for Stock Raisers.

Capt. William D. Burchinal lost a valuable yearling colt on Friday last from Impaction of the stomach. Mr. S. Frank Smith lost a fine milch cow on Monday of the same disease. A number of other cases have been reported in the county, and numerous inquiries have been made relative to the disease and its remedy. Mr. Frederick Welsh has kindly furnished us with the following answer to these queries:

Tympanitis—hoven—or blown in cattle, arising from retention of food in the rumen, frequently accompanies other diseases. It is wonderful how great a quantity of food is found in the rumen of an animal which has died from a disease which has existed for several days. In many instances where an animal suffering from pleuro-pneumonia has not partaken of any solid food for a period extending perhaps over a week it has been found that the rumen contains several bucketfuls of alimentary matter. The rumination having been suspended, there has been no true digestion, and the food partaken of prior to the occurrence of the illness has lain, as it were, in a mass in the inert and paralyzed rumen, having a tendency to undergo fermentation, and thus induce tympanitis.

Causes in the above in horned cattle and sheep are most commonly from damp grasses, turnips, moitcums, clovers, etc. Indeed, it may be stated that various foods if given over abundantly will cause tympanitis.

Impaction in the horse is caused from the ingestion of food too abundant in quantity or greedily swallowed and imperfectly masticated. It is necessary for the food to undergo not only the process of trituration by the teeth, but that it requires to be chemically altered by combination with the saliva. Some kinds of food nutritious in themselves, and theoretically calculated to be proper for the horse, are found practically to be highly dangerous. Wheat middlings, etc., which are highly nutritious, containing according to veterinary statistics 955 parts of nutritious matter in 1000, is found to be improper, deranging the stomach, causing purgation, laminitis and death, and for these reasons such food is found to be improper articles of diet. Good corn, oats or bran are the best for the horse, and if these three articles were fed properly in alternation with one another occasionally there would be less causes of impaction of the stomach among our horses, especially the colts.

Mr. T. E. W. Crew, who within several months last year lost three valuable colts and a mare, had a valuable two-year-old colt taken sick last week, with symptoms similar to those of the horses last year. In order to check the disease in the start, Dr. Ward, State veterinarian, was sent for, and came over last week and pronounced the trouble Euteree fever, caused from worms. Mr. Crew's colt is enjoying the luxury of medicine taken on a twenty-dollar prescription and is improving.

Millington Notes.

MILLINGTON, MD., Feb. 16, 1891.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Henry Cook, a few days ago, lost his balance and fell from his dearborn, spraining his ankle quite badly.

—Julia Ashley, an old and much respected colored woman of Sand Town, died at her residence a little over a week ago.

Thieves attempted to break into the store of F. S. Bottomly on Sunday night last, between the hours of nine and ten o'clock, but were scared off by the timely appearance of some citizens.

Miss Pardee, of Sudlersville, has been visiting the Misses Power.

S. C. Emory, T. R. Emory, W. S. Collins and Spencer Comegys, all of Queen Anne's, spent Sunday last in town.

Capt. Townsend arrived here the last of last week with a small boat load of oysters, the first that have been seen in Millington for several months.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Record of the Classes During the Quarter just Closed.

The intermediate examinations of the college closed on Tuesday, the 10th inst., except some classes of Prof. Clarke's department, which were examined on Wednesday. The averages will not be so high as formerly. Various influences have concurred to produce this result, but perhaps the principal cause of low marks was the absence of the anxiety which usually characterizes students at examinations. There was little spurting but more depending upon the work of the term. While the marks are not so high they represent, perhaps, a more solid result.

We give below the averages for the month ending Jan. 30th: W. F. Porter leads the Senior class, with 94.4; B. F. Perkins, the Junior, with 97.1; and E. A. Robinson, the Sophomore, with an average of 94.5. The following Freshmen made an average of 85 or over 85: Norman Perkins, 94.5; C. C. Brown, Jr., 93.3; John T. Morris, 92.7; Arthur M. Merritt, 91.2; Harry G. Simpers, 89.4; Whittier C. Copper, 88.4; Robt. J. Nicholson, 86; Joseph H. Kendall, 85.9; W. E. Butler, 85.9; Thomas W. Perkins, 85.2; Harry W. Catlin, 85; A. C. Leaverton, 85. The following in Preparatory Department made over 80: Jas. B. Noble, 96; H. E. Perkins, 95.8; Norman Cameron, 93.9; R. J. S. Bullock, 92.9; W. E. Hill, 91.8; David B. Ford, 90.7; Wm. Ford, Jr., 90.5; Wm. B. Willis, 89.2; Spencer Hurtt, 88.8; Wm. J. Grason, 88.4; Wm. A. Bell, 87.9; Geo. T. Waters, 87.5; J. F. Houston, 86.8; Lenox Catlin, 86.7; W. Tarbutton, 86; Carole C. Perkins, 84.6; A. Hurlock, 84.5; Geo. P. Hendrickson, 83.6; J. Westcott, 83.4; Chas. T. Turner, 83.4; Paul B. Graham, 82.8.

W. F. Porter leads the Senior class with a general average for the session of five months, of 87.9; B. F. Perkins, the Juniors, with 94.5, and E. A. Robinson the Sophomores, with 96.4. The following Freshmen made a general average of above 85: John T. Morris, 91.3; Norman Perkins, 90.2; C. C. Brown, 89.7; Arthur Merritt, 89.3. And the following in the Preparatory made above 80: J. B. Noble, 96.1; R. J. S. Bullock, 90.1; Norman Cameron, 89.5; H. E. Perkins, 87.5; S. Hurtt, 87; Lenox Catlin, 86.7; W. Tarbutton, 84.9; David B. Ford, 84.5; W. J. Grason, 82,2, and W. E. Hill, 81.7.

In the Young Men's Christian Association, on Sunday afternoon last, February 15, the young men discussed the various ways of spending Sunday. The discussion was very interesting and the association did not adjourn until 5.30, and still there was diversity of opinion. Rev. R. Irving Watkins will address the association on next Sunday. All the friends of the young men are invited.

The Shakespeare Circle met at the Misses Roberts on Saturday evening and finished reading Othello, The Moor of Venice. Miss Hope Wickes, the stage manager, selected Twelfth Night as the play to be next read, and assigned characters. The club adjourned to meet at the Schubert concert on next Saturday evening. The Schuberts should consider this quite a compliment; it is a deserved one. In the midst of the reading, the door was stealthily opened and a tall, graceful figure, draped in black, and wearing a black mask and Oxford cap, entered bearing the inscription, "Thy Valentine." Before those present had recovered from their surprise, this unique, and we dare say, lovely, though rather sombrely clad, valentine glided out. Just as Lodovico was finishing his sad comments upon the ending of the tragedy, a dozen or more grotesque figures came rushing into the room. Language fails us when we think of describing the impossible old market women, witches and Harlequins, who vied with each other in ugliness. A possible exception to the general hideousness was the bride, but to what nationality she belonged we cannot say, because she was masked, and her costume was too elaborate a combination for any masculine mind to unravel. Abundant good humor seemed to prevailed and after baffling all attempts at discovery, the gay company of comic valentines hurried off to pay their respects to other friends.

Prof. Clarke has commenced rehearsals for the entertainment to be given after Easter, and we have no doubt it will be a success in every way.

OUR TOLCHESTER LETTER.

Social Pleasures—A Suggestion for the Grange to Consider.

TOLCHESTER, Feb. 17, 1891.

EDS. TRANSCRIPT:—And still they have followed in close succession, pleasant evenings I mean. One of the most pleasant occasions spent this winter, was the evening enjoyed recently at Mr. A. M. Kendall's. Despite the very cold night—and it was one of the coldest of the winter—quite a number were present, we learn; and the fact that it was at our friend Azeriah's, is a guarantee that all had a good time. This was followed by quite a large party at Mr. T. C. Blackston's on the succeeding Tuesday evening. No one knows better than that gentleman and his estimable wife, how to make you have a good time. And so it goes on.

It now seems that the winter will be only too short for us to pay our respects to all. Now, why should we not have a good time? Soon we all will be called upon to put our hand to the plow, the saw, or whatever our tasks may be, and surely there's a time to work and a time to play, and we should enjoy both in due season.

The Epworth League is filling a place not to be overlooked, as it furnishes profitable pastime for old as well as young—and this reminds us that if our Grange could, say once a month, throw its doors open to all farmers, and have them come and talk farming, something on the order of our Still Pond friends, whose letter in your paper recently described their workings, it might be profitable to both the Grange and the farmers; but we will leave this for the Grange and the farmers to decide.

The steamer Giles made her landings on Wednesday, two weeks ago, despite the rough weather, and in answer to many inquiries as to her running, we are informed that she will start about the first of March. Due notice will be given in the TRANSCRIPT.

We have heard of no call from Salem for a preacher as yet; in fact, we are about tired of calling, but we do hope to be able the next time to get an old and tried hand at the work here. Many favor Rev. Shears now at Sassafras, but, as we say, we have not heard the call. HAPS.

New Advertisements.

James A. Casey, late sheriff, advertises at sheriff's sale in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT, the personalty of Wm. E. Sanders and Laura V. Sanders; also the personalty of Wm. T. and Elizabeth R. Burgess.

Mr. N. Lieberman, at Melitota, advertises in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT, that he is giving away a cook-book with every purchase of ten dollars worth of goods at his store. This is a new enterprise, and one well worth consideration, as these books contain many valuable and useful recipes.

ROCK HALL ITEMS.

The Deep-Water Oyster Tong Fever at Rock Hall.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—On Tuesday, Feb. 10, Capt. Horney, commander of the police schooner, left here for Annapolis to see what the Board of Public Works thought of the patent tong fever, whether tongmen had a right to use patent tongs in the waters of Kent county. He returned on Thursday with the glad news that it was all right, and that those who had the tongs could go ahead and use them without any further hindrance. I say glad news, it was glad news to those who had bought the tongs and paid the sum of sixteen dollars for them, and were afraid they were not to be allowed to work with them. The fever is still spreading, and our village blacksmith has obtained the right from the patentee to make them, and pays eight dollars royalty on every pair he makes. This is the manufacturer's card: "Chas. L. Marsh, inventor, patentee and manufacturer of the Deep-Water Oyster Tongs, Solomon's, Calvert county, Md.

The schooner Marie Westcott, belonging to Earle R. Strong and commanded by Capt. James Dolan, which blew ashore on Wickes' Beach, Chester river, Tuesday night, Feb. 10, was floated off the following day, with very little trouble, and no damage done to the vessel.

The pungy Joe Bilmyer, Capt. Charles Stevens, left Messrs. George E. Leary and Son's lumber mills at Grey's Inn Creek, Wednesday, Feb. 11, for Baltimore, with a load of walnut timber. It is to be shipped from Baltimore to Germany, but what it is to be used for I have not ascertained.

Mr. J. R. Ryan was in Baltimore last week attending the Grand Lodge K. of P. as a delegate from this lodge. Mr. Robert L. Hynson was the delegate from the Lankford Lodge, of Piney Neck, Crosby P. O.

The Still Pond Minstrels performed here the 11th inst. to a crowded house, and their entertainment was enjoyed by both old and young.

Mr. S. Charles Porter has returned from Queen Anne's county, where he has been visiting his sick brother, and reports him improving rapidly.

It is to be hoped that our friend, the village blacksmith, did not set his clock back last Saturday night to lengthen out his time to make patent tongs without working on Sunday. Friend John is a hard-working boy, and deserves great credit for working both day and night, trying to supply the demand for patent tongs.

Mr. Herbert G. Wilkins, known to the sporting men of the fifth district as "Nick Wilkins," says he has the crack trotter of the district. He traded for him with Mr. McWhorter, of Chestertown.

The census returns for Kent county in districts show that the fifth district is the only one that has made any gain, all the other districts have lost in population.

Miss Lotta Saylor and Miss Grace House, of Baltimore, are visiting relatives and friends at this place.

Last Saturday was the dullest St. Valentine's day ever experienced here, not a valentine being on sale at any of the stores.

Yours truly, X.

FROM CHESTERVILLE.

Various Topics Treated of by "Ring."

Mrs. Agnes Jarman, who spent a few days of last weeks in Baltimore, has returned home.

Mr. Will Cooper and wife of Philadelphia, spent a few days of last week with his father, Mr. Edward Cooper.

Mr. Edw. Cooper, who was reported sick in Baltimore a week ago, is home again, and is able and willing to make his evening calls.

Mr. Charles Crittenden, who has been troubled considerably for some time past with a cancer on his neck, is having it treated by Mr. James Meredith, of Church Hill, and he seems to be improving. The same named gentleman treated a cancer for Mrs. Baldwin in Crumpton last week.

Mr. John Cosden and wife expect to move to Smyrna this week.

One of our citizens regrets that he left Chesterville. He says he believes that he would live ten years longer if he lived in Chesterville.

Perry Wilson came out all right at the shooting match Saturday. He carried home five hens for fifty cents.

One of our gentlemen says Chesterville wants: A constable, sheriff and jail.

St. Valentine's day observance was left to the children exclusively in this neighborhood.

The "pink eye" and the —— did most assuredly visit our little village recently and spoil the looks of some of our Chestervillians for a time. There are very few cases at this writing, and we are in hopes they will leave never to return again.

The latest way to address a letter in this section is: "Lawyer—In Red Hot Haste."

Gentlemen do so many things hastily. The other day one wrote an advertisement hastily, asking for "A young man to take charge of a span of horses of a religious turn of mind.

One dollar does not seem much for the TRANSCRIPT a year. Subscribe for it and have one of your own, then you can memorize the Chesterville items. Only one dollar a year. Tell the neighbors about it.

What this country needs is to pay more attention to the small economies. As a people we are wasteful. Let us make the best of everything, and waste not.

How many poor cows are you boarding? If you have one, get a thief to come and run her off.

One has said the largest room in the county is in Chesterville. The room of improvement.

Yes, indeed, the M.E. Church South did donate their pastor, Rev. W. Dolly, some time ago. Quite a number of the Millington folk were over, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Chesterville is never left as much as some may suppose, because you do not hear of it often. It is true many of our good people have left us, but a few still remain.

Mr. Edward Burriss and family are visiting in Newark.

We can no more judge of the *ability* of a man by the *pay* he gets, than the *character* of a man by his age. RING.

MARRIED.

DOWNEY—BLACKISTON.—At the M.E. Parsonage, Rock Hall, Jan. 25, 1891, by Rev. R. Roe, Joseph R. Downey and Miss Mary M. Blackiston, both of Rock Hall.

DANIELS—JOINER.—At the residence of Mrs. Urie, Rock Hall, Feb. 11, 1891, by Rev. R. Roe, Philip A. Daniels, of Baltimore, and Miss Sarah L. Joiner, of Rock Hall.

GALE—FINKIND.—On Feb. 4, 1891, at Starr M. P. Parsonage, Baltimore, by Rev. F. T. Little, Lawrence Gale, of Kent county, and Annie Y. Finkind, of Baltimore.

HUDSON—BENNETT.—At Kennedyville, Md., Feb. 11, 1891, by Reb. J. D. Rigg, Edward E. Hudson and Carrie L. Bennett, both of Kent county.

DIED.

PORTER.—Sunday, Feb. 15, 1891, at her late residence near Worton Station, of Consumption, Mrs. Ann M. Porter, in the 76th year of her age. Interred Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the Union Cemetery, Revs. J. H. Geoghegan and S. B. Tredway officiating at the services.

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