The Transcript.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1891.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—Rock Hall has a photographer.

—Within hand-shaking distance—Christmas.

—Mr. Joseph Turner advertises in this issue for money on first mortgage.

—Monday, December 21, was the shortest day of the year. The days will increase in length until June 21.

—To-morrow, December 25 (Christmas Day), being a legal holiday, the banks and all public offices will be closed.

—The young men of Chestertown will give their lady friends a delightful dance at Stam's Hall during Christmas week.

—A royal good time to one and all during the Christmas season, and may the New Year be one of plenty, happiness and good cheer.

—The matter of petitioning the Legislature to reduce the number of commissioners for Kent county from five to three is being discussed in the county.

—Commissioner Thomas J. Shalleross has a flock of partridges near his home in which are two white ones. Mr. Shalleross allows no one to gun for them, and proposes to protect his white pets.

—The prospects are at present good for a "green Christmas," and we believe that the man who guesses nearest the fifties will get Mr. Moody's prize for the closest guesser to the temperature at noon tomorrow.

—Our subscribers who will change their postoffice address at the beginning of the new year should advise us promptly, in order that no issue of the TRANSCRIPT be missed. Advise us promptly of such changes.

—Travel on the Chester river steamers during the past ten days, has been unusually large. On Saturday and during the present week the steamers have been like excursion boats, owing to the great number of passengers.

—The following hours will be strictly observed at the Chestertown postoffice tomorrow, Christmas Day, after which hours Postmaster Brown will close the office: Mail matter will be delivered from 6 to 8 A. M. and 12 to 2.30 P. M.

—Cards were out announcing that Mr. Jesse R. Copper and Miss Maisy Calder would be married at Salem M. E. Church on yesterday evening. On account of the death of Mr. Copper's father, however, the marriage has been postponed.

—Mr. William T. Anderson, living just across Chester bridge, showed us a ear of corn on Tuesday measuring fourteen inches. A Queen Anne's friend of Mr. Anderson states that the average Queen Anne's nubbing measures twelve inches.

—Maxwell Lodge, of Rock Hall, sent as delegates to the recent meeting held in I. O. O. F. Hall, Baltimore, Messrs. W. P. Durding, Edward Proctor and L. T. Whaland, to formulate a programme for the dedication of the new G. L. hall in April next.

—While Mr. Carvill Willson, Mr. Walter Hadaway and several friends were gunning for rabbits last week, Mr. Hadaway in firing at a rabbit shot Mr. Willson in both legs, inflicting a painful wound. A number of the shot were picked out by means of a penknife.

—Mr. George Beck, of Lankford, delivered on Monday, forty-seven dressed geese to Mr. Marcus Ascher, which netted him one dollar and twenty cents each, Mr. Ascher, however, to get the feathers. Can any farmer in Kent show a more profitable crop than geese at this rate?

—The board of Commissioners for Kent have issued the call for the boards of of all the counties to meet in joint session in Baltimore, on Jan. 14. Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, Talbot and Worcester, in addition to those last week mentioned, have responded favoring the meeting. A number have responded stating that the day and date is entirely satisfactory. But six counties remain to be heard from.

—A public meeting of the citizens of Rock Hall was called to take place yesterday. The object was to take into consideration the advisability of asking the Legislature for an act of incorporation for the town. Rock Hall is one of the largest and most progressive towns of the county, and there is no reason why it should not be promptly incorporated. It has already far outstripped in importance and wealth some of its dignified sisters.

—Queen Anne's, like Kent, is unable to enforce total abstinence. Here is the manner in which the matter is worked as given in the *Advocate*: "A small boat with three men on board is in the waters of Kent Island retailing whiskey and beer. On one side of the boat, painted in large letters, is the word 'Whiskey,' and on the other is 'Beer.' Kent Island is a local option district, and this kind of a traffic there is clearly in violation of the law. The severest penalties should be meted out to the violators."

—A practical farmer of the second district suggests that there could be no more commendable move, and no more expressive way of showing a sincere appreciation of the unnumbered reasons which the Kent county farmer has for thanksgiving, than by donating one, two or even three bushels of corn or wheat toward alleviating the suffering from famine in Russia. This would entail but a slight amount upon the individual contributor and in the aggregate would be sufficient to give temporary relief to many suffering families. A first-rate suggestion.

—No further particulars in regard to the new steamboat line for Chester river have been learned. The only thing positive so far is, that an agent or representative of the New York parties has made an investigation of the merits and demerits of the situation, and so far as can be learned his report at headquarters will be highly favorable to the proposed new line, and as it is stated that the New York men represent money and business standing, there may be after all, more than idle rumor in the report of a new line of steamers for Chester river.

—The outbuildings on the farm known as the "Rankin Farm," near Fairlee, owned by Thomas S. Hill, Esq., of Baltimore, and tenanted by Mr. S. G. Maslin, were completely destroyed by fire at an early hour on Wednesday evening of last week. The fire, when discovered, was making rapid headway in the barn. Fortunately Mr. Maslin's hands were on the farm, and the stock was rescued, and, by prompt efforts, several cribs of corn and a fodder-rick which were near the barn and stable, both of which would have been destroyed, were saved. There was full insurance on the buildings. The fire is supposed to have originated by a rat gnawing a match which had accidentally been dropped in the barn.

—Dr. W. L. Davidson, of Cincinnati, will deliver his famous lecture, with steriroptican illustrations, which were so popular at Chatauqua and in Baltimore, at Stam's Hall on February 3. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church.

—The twenty or thirty passengers who started, and others who expected to go to Baltimore on the steamer Corsica on Thursday night, were given a most substantial disappointment. The steamer instead of starting at 5 o'clock P. M., did not leave Chestertown until a few minutes before ten o'clock, on account of the heavy shipments of corn. The night was bright and beautiful, and the passengers retired to their state-rooms expecting to awake in Baltimore, but sad disappointment awaited them. After becoming nearly loaded, the Corsica, in approaching Quaker Neck wharf, about three o'clock A. M., ran aground; owing, however, to no want of care or skill on the part of the captain, but on account of the unusually low tide. The boat was within fifty yards of the wharf, but every effort to get her off proved unavailing until about half-past six o'clock. Captain Vandyke and Clerk Downey did everything possible to add to the comfort of the passengers. An elegant breakfast was provided, and after taking on nearly a thousand bushels of grain at Quaker Neck, the steamer proceeded directly to Baltimore, leaving thousands of bushels of corn on her river wharves in excess of a full cargo. Several passengers left the Corsica at Quaker Neck to save time, and took the Emma Ford, but found the fable of the tortoise and hare literally exemplified, the Corsica distancing her more speedy sister in arriving in the city.

Personal Mention.

The Misses Mary and Jennie Vickers have returned from Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa., and will spend the holiday at home.

Miss Veva Perkins, of Hannah Moore Acadmy, is spending her holiday in town.

Miss Clare Vannort, of Western Maryland College returned to her home on Saturday.

Miss Belle Aldridge, returned home on Saturday, after a protracted visit to Baltimore friends.

Miss Nelie Walker, returned to her home on Tuesday after a protracted visit to Baltimore friends.

Miss Susie Roberts, returned from St. Hilda's school for young ladies on Saturday.

Mrs. Crisfield and her daughter, Miss Etheliud, are expected to arrive to-day to spend about ten days in Kent.

Miss Madge Meeteer will return from school to-day to spend the holidays in Chestertown.

Messrs. George, Percy and Boone Vickers, of Baltimore, are the guests of H. W. Vickers, Esq.

Messrs. W. W. Beck and Clarence W. Perkins, of the Law University, and Chas. Twilley, of the Dental School, Baltimore, are at home for the holidays.

Mrs. Joseph Turner and her daughter Miss Grace, have gone to Baltimore to spend Christmas.

Messrs. J. A. Perkins, T. B. Perkins, Walter Perkins and David Perkins, all of Philadelphia, will arrive to-day and spend the week with their parents on Queen st.

Mr. George Perkins, of Philadelphia, will spend several days with his parents on Front street.

Mr. Norman Massey, of Lehigh University, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wickes, returned on Saturday from their bridal tour.

Mr. Walter W. Chapman and his bride are expected at home to-day.

Miss Elma Massey is visiting friends in Queen Anne's.

Miss Morgan Beaston arrived home Tuesday after a visit of more than a month in Georgetown, D. C.

Mrs. Elsie Shuster, of Wilmington, Del., is at her mother's, Mrs. Hill, and will spend the holidays in town.

Miss Hettie Greenwood is visiting friends in Camden, N. J.

Miss Kline, of Denton, is visiting Mrs. Frederick Fountain.

Mr. George S. Biddle is recovering from the injuries received by being run over by a traction engine. We are glad to state that Mr. Biddle has recovered sufficently to attend to business.

Public School Entertainment.

The studies at the Chestertown public school formally closed for the Christmas holidays yesterday afternoon. With bright anticipations for a glorious time during the approaching days of merry-making and pleasure, the classes entered upon their work of preparing an interesting program for the occasion. On account of the limited space and time at our disposal, we are unable to give a detailed notice of the excellencies and beauties of each part, but speaking generally of the exercises, we can but say that they were interesting, executed with exactness and enjoyable throughout. From the highest to the lowest grades did beautifully, and for teachers and scholars alike we wish all a joyous and delightful holiday, believing in each instance that the pleasures of the season will come as a well merited reward for labors faithfully performed.

The program as rendered was: Recitation, "Salu-ta-tat-u-a-ry," Albert Morris; Recitation, "Three Little Lads," of the first grade; Dialogue, "Boy Talk," pupils of third grade; Song, "Ring the Christmas Bells," girls of second-sixth grade; Recitation, "Santa's Reproof," Susie Culp; "Our Waiting Maids," seven girls of first grade; Reading, "Declamation Dilemma," Tannie Willis; Song, "The Rainy Day," six girls of seventh grade; Dialogue, "The Rehearsal," girls and boys of first-sixth grade; Song, "Woman's Rights," pupils of second grade; Song, "A School Girl's Troubles," girls of first-sixth grade; Dialogue, "Christmas Capers," pupils of fifth grade; "Song of the Waves," pupils of third grade; Reading, "Will the New Year Come To-Night, Mamma?" Minnie Peregoy; Song, "The Spider and the Fly," pupils of first grade; Dialogue, "The Merry Christmas of the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe," pupils of fourth grade. The exercises commenced at 2 o'clock sharp.

Married in Winter.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the clerk of the circuit court for Kent county during the month of Dec.

TO WHITE COUPLES.—George M. Groves and Sarah C. Butcher; Thomas A. R. Pierce and Annie S. Sutton; Robert Wickes and Eugenia May Wilkins; John Wesley With and Katie Sparks; George A. Downey and Elmer W. Williams; Jesse R. Copper and M. M. Calder.

TO COLORED COUPLES.—William F. Kelley and Mary E. Adams, W. H. Thompson and Addie Groves; George T. Washington and Martha Della Jones; William A. Jones and martha Bowser.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES.

A Delightful Programme of Beautiful Services and Sweet Music For the Week.

With the advent of the Christmastide the air becomes resonant with sweet song, and the glorious Bethlehem Star shines with a beauty and brightness undimmed by the centuries which have swept past since the shepherds first saw "His star in the East," and were glad to worship the new-born Christ. The churches of Chestertown and throughout the county will give emphasis to the sacred Christmas season with appropriate services; the Sunday schools of every church will send out upon the Christmas air carols of peculiar appropriateness and sweetness; all Nature's choir will blend with the mighty swell of sweet melody, which will greet the sacred Christmastide. Choruses full and vast in volume, anthems beautiful in expression, with masses and hymns of glorious richness, will burst forth in one vast sweep of melody, proclaiming "Peace on earth, good will toward men." All the churches and nearly every denomination and creed will join in the grand swell of sweet song, declaring that "we have seen His Star in the East, and have come to worship him." Many of the churches will be neatly, but not elaborately decorated, and in each case the waxy green leaves and brilliant berries of the Christmas decorations will exhale an air of brightness and beauty throughout the churches during the entire holiday season. "There's a song in the air and a star in the sky," so let all be glad. Some of the churches will render specially prepared music at to-morrow's services and on Sunday.

At the Episcopal Church, Rev. S. C. Roberts, rector: Early communion will be administered to-morrow morning at 7.30, and preaching and communion at 11 P. M. Sermon and regular services on Sunday morning next, and a children's service will be held in the church in the afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. A Christmas tree and treat will be prepared for the children Wednesday evening at Stam's Hall.

Rev. R. Irving Watkins will preach a Christmas sermon at his church on Sunday morning.

The Christmas morning services at the M. E. Church will commence at 6 o'clock and last one hour.

Watch Night services will be observed at the M. E. Church on New Year's Eve, commencing at 10 o'clock.

A Christmas entertainment will be given in the Sunday school room of the M. E. Church at Rock Hall on next Tuesday evening. An attractive programme has been arranged.

The services of the Catholic Churches on Christmas Day will be as follows: At Sacred Heart, Chestertown, Early Mass at 5.30 and 6.30 o'clock A. M. At St. Dennis', Galena, High Mass at 10.30 A. M.

Extensive preparations are being made by the Rock Hall M. E. Church for some delightful music for the Christmas services. A Christmas tree will be given the children of the Sunday school during the week.

Divine Service Christmas Day, at Shrewsbury church, 10½ A. M.; on Sunday next, 27th instant, at Shrewsbury Church, 10½ A. M.; at St. Andrews, Galena, 3 P. M.

The entertainments during the week will be joyous occasions, and amid gift-laden trees and an abundance of good things, both old and young will hold high revel.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds for the transfer of real estate have been recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county during the present month:

David E. Ashley to Charles H. Ashley, lot of land in Piney Neck, part of the Apsley tract, containing 2 roods and 22 perches; consideration $63. Mary G. Young to Dominick K. Ayres, piece or parcel of land in fifth election district, lying on north side of road leading from Rock Hall to Deep Landing wharf, being part of James Young farm, containing 3 acres, 2 roods and 27 perches; consideration $100. Benjamin Wheeler and wife to Mary M. Smith, tract or parcel of land situated at Betterton, containing three-fifths of an acre, more or less; consideration $100. M. deK. Smith, trustee to Chester Loan Association, lot of land on suburbs of Chestertown, adjoining lands of James Waters, colored; consideration $300. M. deK. Smith, attorney and trustee to Chester Loan Association, lot of land situated on south corner Spring and Maple avenues, adjoining lands of Thomas S. Bordley; consideration $2000. Mary G. Young to Darius Scott, lot of land in fifth election district on road leading from Rock Hall to Deep Landing wharf, being part of the James Young farm; consideration $100. M. deK. Smith, trustee to Chester Loan Association, lot of land in village of Crumpton, on north side of Chester river, and on east side of public road leading to Chesterville; consideration $300. M. deK. Smith, trustee to Chester Loan Association, lot of land in Chestertown, on north side College avenue; consideration $150. Marion deK. Smith, to Chester Loan Association, lot of land and improvements in village of Masseys, on north side of road leading from Masseys to Delaware line; consideration $1,890. Chester Loan Association to Fred C. Numbers, above named lot of land in Masseys; consideration, $1,050. Hope H. Barroll, assignee, to ChesteLoan Association, lot of land lying on south side of Cypress street, in town of Millington; consideration, $146. John J. Maslin au wife to Lucy M. Gale, tract of laud being a portion of farm known as "High Park," lying on left side of public road from Lankford to Broad Neck; consideration, natural love and affection. Sarah H. C. Arey to Daniel R. Dunn, all that lot or piece of land commonly known as "Brick Yard lot," on road from Chestertown past Washington College; consideration, $125. James H. Baker and wife to Alfred Ringgold, tract of land in 4th election district, south side of road leading from Chestertown to Quaker Neck; consideration, $60. James H. Baker and wife to John W. Brown, tract of land in 4th election district, being a part of tract of land in Quaker Neck called "New York;" consideration, $30. E. Francis Lewis to Chas Ayres, certain lots, pieces or parcels of land being and lying in 5th district, on road leading from Rock Hall to Swan Creek, usually called "Dembie;" consideration, $200. Richard D. Hynson, attorney, to Hope H. Barroll, farm or tract of land situated on Lankford's bay, in Quaker Neck, adjoining land of C. C. Brown and others, commonly called "Salt Box," containing 110 acres of land; consideration, $3,767.50. James A. Pearce, trustee, to James S. Bradley, lot of land on Cannon street, Chestertown; consideration, $320. James H. Baker and wife to I. R. Leaverton, lot of land situated on south side of public road leading from Pomona to Chestertown, adjoining the lands of A. R. Maslin and others, containing 18 acres, 1 rood and 36 perches; consideration, $651.23.

STATEMENTS OF OUR BANKS.

Kent Has Nearly Half a Million in Her Banks, or in Actual Figures $462,942.51.

The statements just published by our banks show that Kent's farmers are more prosperous than they were at Christmas in 1890, and that they hold much less in loans. Below is a comparison of the deposits and discounts of 1891 with 1890. The statement in 1890 was dated December 19; this year it is December 2.

DEPOSITS.

Second National in 1891 has	$157,250 43
Second National in 1890 had	112,853.92
Increase in deposits	$ 44,396.51
Chestertown Nat. in 1891 has	$305,692.08
Chestertown Nat. in 1890 had	292,427.48
Increase in deposits	$ 13,264 60

DISCOUNTS.

Second National in 1891 has	$150,209.30
Second National in 1890 had	116,028.10
Chestertown Nat. in 1890 had	246,934.07
Chestertown Nat. in 1891 has	189 162 03

The last reports of the Peninsula banks give the following figures:

LOANS AND DISCOUNTS.

Chestertown National Bank	$189,162.03
Second National, Chestertown	150,209.30
Centreville National	287,060.98
Queen Anne's National	151,663.66
Easton National	538,291.66
Far. & Merch. National, Easton	128,656.53
Denton National	124,991.90
National Bank, of Smyrna	248,267.85
Fruit Growers, of Smyrna	203,566.80

INDIVIDUAL DEPOSITS.

Chestertown National	$305,692.08
Second National	157,250.43
Centreville National	202,458.85
Queen Anne's National	88,538.09
Easton National	257,770 41
Far. & Merch. National, Easton	60,582.07
Denton National	110,899.14
National Bank, of Smyrna	158,690.58
Fruit Growers, of Smyrna	164,800.71

Necrology.

Joshua Copper, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Kent county, died at the home of his son, Jesse R. Copper, near Urieville, on Tuesday morning, December 22, aged 89 years and 2 days. Mr. Copper was possibly the oldest citizen of Kent, and no man in the county was more generally respected by all who knew him. His life was one of activity, and not until rendered too feeble to engage in the active pursuits of agriculture, did he retire from the farm and make his home with his son, at whose home he died. The deceased died of a general giving way of the constitution from extreme age.

Mr. Copper was a carpenter by trade, but after devoting his younger manhood to the pursuit of his trade, he devoted his after labors to farming, at which he was progressive and successful. In 1851 he assumed charge of the almshouse and the farm attached, and was manager of the county's property for thirty-six years. The deceased leaves nine children, five daughters and four sons, as follows: Mrs. Jesse Jerome, Mrs. S. E. T. Startt, Mrs. J. K. Crew, Mrs. J. W. Weer and Miss Ellen Copper; J. F. Copper, S. A. Copper, of Roanoke, Va., J. R. Copper and W. B. Copper.

Mr. C. M. Riley, one of the oldest citizens of the county, died at the home of his son-in-law Stevenson Constable, near Lankford, on Monday, Dec. 21, at 2.30 o'clock P. M. Mr. Riley had been in poor health for the past two years and died of a general breaking down of the system. The pall bearers were: Dr. Samuel Beck, George Beck, James L. Beck, B. F. Beck, Jr., Bradford Camp and George A. Jessup.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Holidays began on December 18, and will close January 4. The college is deserted, and all is very quiet on the hill.

Dr. Reid expects to spend a portion of the time upon a gunning expedition in Southern Maryland. Prof. Micou will probably spend the holidays at the college. Prof. Watts will visit his home in Cecil county. Prof. Proctor will remain at the college, and Prof. Clarke will spend the vacation at Pocomoke City.

Some of our students will not return. Deen will run his father's mill, while he helps guide the destinies of State in the Legislature. Houston will manage a store business for his father, and one or two others may be compelled to stop.

The foot-ball season closed with a game with a Centreville team, resulting in a defeat for the college boys. The Queen Anne's team was materially assisted by Blunt, McClung and Walker, of the Lehigh University team. Though this was a fact, a great deal of praise is due William and Thomas Trenchard of Church Hill. The college team was not in the best of trim, not having recovered from their conflict on Saturday with the Western Maryland College team, but, considering the superior weight and experience of the team from our sister county, they did well. Aside from the unpleasant incident in connection with McClung's slugging propensities, the game was a very pleasant one. None of the players were injured. The college team has made a creditable record this year.

So far as can be seen the young ladies, annex has proven a success. As board can be had at reasonable rates convenient to the college, it is probable that the number will be increased after Christmas. For the month ending December 18, B. F. Perkins leads the Senior with an average of 97.4; E. A. Robinson, the Junior with 97.4, and John T. Morris, the Sophomore with 94.2. The following Freshmen made averages of 85 or over:

Norman Cameron, 97.6; Miss Belle Boston, 97.3; W. C. Brown, 97.2; B. F. Parker, 96.8; G. T. A. Simonson, 95.5; H. E. Perkins, 95; Miss May Matthews, 94.9; Richard Merriken, 94.5; J. Mason Greenfield, 93.9; J. A. F. Carey, 93.2; H. V. Holloway, 93; L. E. Pool, 91.5; Chas. J. Turner, 90.3; W. A. Melvin, 89.5, and W. E. Stevens, 85. The following of the Preparatory school made 80 or over: Miss Lillian Hynson, 99; Miss Mary M. Thomas, 97.6; Miss Sallie Brown, 97.2; W. E. Bullock, 97.2; R. Lee Glover, 97; E. M. Usilton, 95; Miss I. Tarbutton, 94.7; I. P. Jefferson, 94.3; Frank B. Watts, 93.6; H. A. Jump, 93.2; Miss Lottie Wickes, 93; Miss Emma McFeely, 91.8; Miss Anna C. Smith, 90.9; J. E. Richardson, 90.9; W. N. Sherwood, 90.9; Hirons Clifton, 90.8; H. C. Copper, 90.5; Miss Grace V. Greenwood, 90.2; Miss Cora A. Massey, 89.2; George R. Moffett, 88; Joseph Brice, 87.3; W. E. Cacy, 87; H. E. Nicholson, 87; Wm. Bell, 86.6; U. R. Horsey, 86.4; J. A. Richards, 86.3; W. Eliason, 85; D. B. Ford, 84.9; J. G. Westcott, 81.7; D. Lee Greenfield, 81.6; Thomas Massey, 81.5; J. R. Jefferson, 81.4; W. W. Hurlock, 81.3, and S. M. Hurtt, 80.

In the Churches.

The meetings of the Second Adventists are largely attended, Downey's hall, it is stated, being entirely inadequate to accommodate the great number of people who daily attend the services.

The fourth quarterly conference will be held at Sudlersville December 28, at 3 P. M., preaching by the presiding elder December 27 at 3 P. M. The fourth quarterly conference will be held at Church Hill on December 28 at 10 A. M. Preaching by the presiding elder on December 27 at 7.30 P. M.

THOMPSON'S EFFORT TO ESCAPE.

He Sawed Through Both Leg-Irons and Was Prepared to Make a Break for Liberty.

Sheriff Plummer made the discovery on Saturday, that Thomas Thompson, the murderer of William Adams who is condemned to be hung on January 29, had prepared for a desperate effort to make his escape. The first intimation that anything out of the regular order of things was going on, was given to the Sheriff on Friday night. Since the term of the new Sheriff commenced the days as well as the nights have been rendered hideous by the yells of the negroes in the jail. Contrary to this prevailing disorder, on Friday night everything was quiet and the men in the different cells were asleep. This sudden and unexpected change aroused suspicion and prompted a casual inspection, and was the foundation for a more general investigation on the following day.

On Saturday morning about 11 o'clock, and before the negro had been searched, Mrs. Plummer heard a suspicious grating and knocking in the jail, and at once summoned her husband from the court house, who upon being told of the unusual noises went to the outside of the jail at the nearest possible point to the condemned man's cell, and distinctly heard a sound as of some one sawing iron. A close watch was kept to insure the prisoner's safety, and at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon A. I. Dugan was summoned to assist the sheriff and Constable Simpson in making a thorough examination and in removing Thompson to the iron cell for greater safety. Thompson was ordered from his cell into the corridor, by the sheriff, but refused to come out, asking why he was to be moved. Mr. Dugan then entered the cell and ordered him out. When in the corridor Mr. Dugan continued the work of investigation and ordered the prisoner to remove his pants, as a thorough search of his person had been determined upon. Thompson unbuttoned his vest and then hesitated, stating that he had two pairs of pants on and could not remove them. Mr. Dugan then took a hand in the work, and drew from the negro's belt a broken case-knife. This was taken in charge, and when the search was continued and Thompson's pants leg was touched, he said: "That iron," referring to his leg-irons, "is sawed in two," and when the other leg was touched said: "That's also in two."

It was found that both the leg-irons were sawed in two, one of them having had a piece exactly an inch long sawed out. It is supposed that he cut it too near the lock to allow it to open sufficiently to free the ankle, and the piece was cut out. The irons which are of solid hardened steel were cut as smoothly as though they had been made of lead, and were tied at the strap at the back of the shoe to keep them from falling off or becoming noticable. The closest investigation has failed to discover the piece cut from the leg-iron, but in his cot was found the old case knife with which the sawing had been done. The blade was hacked into a perfect saw, and the piece of blade had evidently been used in sharpening the blade of the more important tool.

Thompson refuses to tell when or where he got the knife, but states that he had them to eat with, as Sheriff Plummer refused to allow him to have a knife for that purpose. He says that the irons had been cut just twenty-one days on Saturday, and that the work was done before the present sheriff took charge of the jail. This, however, is not credited, as the sawing was plainly heard by both Sheriff Plummer and his wife on Saturday morning. The noise which has been kept up both night and day for several weeks past is believed to have been intended as a cover under which Thompson did his work of sawing and that the unusual quiet of Friday was because the work was sufficiently near completion as not to need any further assistance from his friend Taylor, the negro who is held in connection with the shooting of Lindsay in Quaker Neck, who occupied the cell adjoining Thompson's. Thompson was also noticed to have become bright and even joyous within the few days preceding the discovery, whereas he had been despondent and depressed. The general impression was that the man intended to avail himself of the opportunity offered at the time of emptying the slops in the cells, to knock Sheriff Plummer down, rush to the outer door where Deputy Frank Plummer always awaits, overcome him and escape. While the slops are being emptied the sheriff enters the cells and carries the buckets to his brother who stands at the outer door, which is open. With the sheriff disabled and but one man at the open door, the barriers between a powerful man urged to desperation by a sentence of death and liberty, would have been comparatively slight.

The prisoner has stated that the reason he cut the irons off was because they hurt his ankles; to Taylor, however, he stated that he proposed to cut out into the corridor and then effect his escape either by cutting the bars of the window or of the outer door. How the knives were secured is not known, though it is thought by some that the cook, who left the jail on Saturday morning for Baltimore, threw them within reach of his cell from the window in the door leading from the kitchen into the corridor of the jail. Thompson was completely overcome by the sudden and evidently unexpected blighting of his hopes of saving his life by effecting an escape. He was unnerved, and paced his cell and could not keep still. His action was a surprise to his spiritual advisers, as he had, as they supposed, become reconciled to his fate and was ready to meet bravely the inevitable. He was placed in the iron cell, and, with Constable B. F. Henley as watch, is as near safe as it is possible to place him.

Court News.

The board of county commissioners was in session on Tuesday, but was employed during the entire day in examining, approving and passing accounts for orders on levies and to be provided for by levy in 1892.

George Dillhofer, administrator of Mathias Dillhofer passed his first and final administration account. William D. Carter, administrator of William Carter, returned an account of sales of his decedent.

The Markets.

The following are the quotations from yesterday's papers:

WHEAT.—The market for Southern wheat was fractional easier for graded. Sales to grade were at 98 cents for steamer No. 2 red, or 103½ cents for No. 2 red.

CORN.—Sales to grade were at 51 cents for steamer or 55 and 54½ cents for No. 2, both white and yellow.

Progress.

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

WASHINGTON COLLEGE versus QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY ET AL.

The most exciting game of foot-ball of the season, was played on Thursday on the college campus. The Centreville team having suffered a defeat at the hands of the college team on Thanksgiving, determined to do the college boys up. They secured the services of Blunt, Walker and McClung of the regular Lehigh team. Besides these they had Wm. T. Trenchard, one of Lehigh's half-backs, and Thomas Trenchard, substitute on the Princeton team. The team was made up of Queen Anne's county men, however, except the three mentioned. It was evident from the start that the college boys were overmatched in weight by at least twenty pounds to the man on the rush line, and with such men as the Trenchard boys, Matt Brown and McClung behind the line, the college boys had very little chance of victory. Capt. Usilton won the toss and and took the ball. Play was commenced with the wedge and a fair gain made, but the ball was soon lost to the visitors, who rushed it down the field, making a touchdown in about ten minutes, Blunt, of the Lehigh, carrying the ball across the line. Walker, the noted Lehigh end man, failed to kick goal. The teams lined up on the twenty-five-yard line, with the ball in the hands of the home team, who, by good team work, and several good runs by Brice, Parker and Polk, worked it down to the visitors twenty-five-yard line. At this point McClung, Lehigh's doughty little back, was disqualified by Umpire Gould for repeated attempts to slug Usilton, the plucky college quarter-back. It was the evident intention of the visitors to disable our players. After considerable discussion play was resumed, the visitors playing the remainder of the game with ten men.

They had the privilege of putting on a substitute but knew it would be no advantage in the style of game they expected to play. The whole game consisted in sending the backs through the line behind the giant Blunt or in giving Blunt the ball and running round the end. While we think the visitors did most of the effective playing, we cannot but give the Centreville boys credit for good work. The Trenchard boys played a great game. Then McKenney, Evans and Brown played a good game on the line. Though the contest was so one-sided, the college men played a great game. It would be invidious to particularize, but they have no reason to be ashamed of the result. They proved themselves the easy match of any team of equal weight in the State. Queen Anne's county claims to have plenty of available material for a great team, and seems anxious to have a game with Kent county during the holidays. We think we can accommodate them, and hope the game may be arranged. Queen Anne's cannot beat the college team, nor do we think they will have such a snap with the county team.

THE SECOND ADVENTISTS.

Their Work at Rock Hall Reviewed.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—We are having quite a lively time in our town as Christmas is coming on, and the preaching of the Adventists are making things look up. The Adventists are preaching the word of God as it is found in the Bible. They do not take some one else's word in the matter, but take God's word, and give it to the people as they get it from the Bible, and that is what the people need. They need to have the sincere milk of the word as Paul puts it. The ministers prove the Bible by the Bible. They meet with some opposition, and there are those who have not heard them preach a single sermon, who set themselves up as judges against them on what outsiders say. Were they to come out and hear for themselves, they would have an altogether different opinion of them.

I believe that they are doing a vast amount of good. There are men who come out to hear them who, we are confident, have not heard a sermon for fifteen or twenty years, and it has set men to reading the Bible who have not looked in a Bible for years. We heard a man say he had not had a Bible in his hand for ten or fifteen years until these men came here, and another said he had not read a Bible since he went to Sunday school, and he had to get his wife to show him where the book of Daniel was. And that is not all, the beauty of the thing is that all who come to hear them are delighted and come again. According to our common law we cannot condemn a man until we hear him, so if we hear these men and they do not preach from the Bible then we may condemn them. We know that there is an honor in being an inerant tramp, because Jesus was one, as we know He went about doing good, and we do not read in the Bible but in one place that He rode, and that was when He rode into Jerusalem on an ass colt. Then, too, St. Paul was an itinerant tramp, as he went from place to place to preach the truth. We do not think Christian people ought to be too rash; we are all fallible, and we do not know where we may take up. Paul said he feared that after having preached to others he might become a castaway. All we have to say is may God bless all such people. We believe these are men of God, if not, we do, know they preach the word of God and God's word will have its effect if preached by the angel of darkness, for He has said "my word shall not return unto me." J. M. D.

MARRIED.

WORK—JERVIS.—In Washington, Nov. 11, 1889, by the Rev. James F. Wright, William C. Work and India D. Jervis—Rasin.

DIED.

COPPER.—On Dec. 22d, 1891, at the residence of his son, Jesse R. Copper, Locust Grove farm, near Urieville, Joshua Copper, aged 89 years and 2 days. Funeral this Thursday at 10 o'clock A. M. Interment at Chester cemetery, Chestertown.

RILEY.—Near Lankford, Dec. 21, 91892, after a lingering illness, C. M. Riley.

DARREL.—At Quaker Neck wharf, Dec. 12th, 1891, Mrs. William Darrell, wife of Henry Darrell, aged 27 years. The remains were forwarded by Undertaker Reiche to New Castle county, Del., for interment.

STEVENS.—On Tuesday, December, 15, 1891, Mrs. Sarah A. V. Stevens, in the 76th year of her age, wife of John A. Stevens.

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