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LOCAL MATTERS.

—The ice on Corsica river is reported as being from ten to eleven inches in thickness.

—Mrs. John D. Carter, of the Cliffs, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Anne M. Townsend, of Townsend, Del.

—There is to be a breaking up of the ice, but when? Keep your ulster, you may yet need it.

—Ice and snow have long since become a drug in the market—and by-the-way have necessitated the use of a good many other drugs.

—Twenty-seven dredgers left their boats at Tilghman's Island last week, walked to Claiborne, Talbot county, then across Easton bay to Kent Island, to the mouth of Chester river, thence to Baltimore.

—A number of the papers of the State are reproducing in print, the excellent paper by Examiner Eben F. Perkins, of Kent, relative to the "Distribution of the State School Tax."

—A dispatch from Montana on Friday, stated that while the South is frozen and snow-clad, the thermometer there registers 50° above zero, and farmers have been plowing for two weeks.

—Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, of Baltimore, has had printed a little book bearing the suggestive title; "How to be happy when married." Why not give poor unfortunates who are *not* married a few pointers.

—Mr. Wilbur W. Hubbard while striking a match on Thursday evening, received a painful wound by the burning match head striking him in the eye. The injury though painful and troublesome, is not of necessity serious.

—Mr. Wm. B. Coleman brought to the TRANSCRIPT office on Saturday, a curiosity in the form of an egg, which was laid by one of his hens. The egg was two inches long, about as thick as a man's index finger, and something of the shape of a serpent.

—Miss Justis, sister of Mr. L. C. Justis, Jr., independent of nearly all her clothing, lost a valuable gold watch and ten dollars in money in the fire which destroyed the home of Mr. Walter Hurlock, in Snow Hill. Mrs. Hurlock also lost her gold watch.

—The comparatively warm weather of Sunday was the beginning of the end of the sleighing, and the warm sun of Monday completed its destruction. Chestertown, however, has never known two weeks of finer sport. But for the snow, Chester river would have afforded magnificent ice-boat sailing.

—As the demands upon the Dorcas Society of the P. E. Church have been greater than usual on account of the severe winter, the ladies of that society propose to give a promenade contest and supper for the benefit of the poor. Particulars will be given in next week's issue.

—The 200th anniversary of the foundation of St. Stephen's Church and North Sassafras parish, in Sassafras Neck, was celebrated in the chapel at Cecilton on Friday last. This church is the oldest in the State beyond question, having been in existence since January, 1692, according to the record kept in the parish registry.

—Captain McCready, of the schooner Aberta, sold last week to J. S. Farren & Co., a cargo of oysters at $1.50 a bushel. The vessel had about 2,700 bushels, the cost of which will aggregate over $4,000. This is said to be the highest figure ever paid for a vessel load of small oysters in the history of the business.

—Mr. Joseph E. Elliott, of Centreville, purchased from planters in Greenwood Creek, a tributary of the Eastern Bay, about 500 bushels of oysters which he shipped Friday to Wilmington and Philadelphia. Oysters for restaurant purposes are quoted all the way from seven to nine dollars per barrell in the city markets.

—Lent begins February 15th and ends with Easter Sunday, April 2; Washington's Birthday, February 22d, is on Wednesday; inauguration of the President, Saturday, March 4th; St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, on Friday; Fourth of July on Tuesday; Labor Day, Monday, September 4th; Christmas Dec., 25, on Monday.

—Farmers should take time by the fore lock and commence their arrangements relative to the acreage and prices of tomatoes during the coming season. Tomato crops in the past have filled in very nicely the gaps occasioned by other crop-failures. Indeed, there are but few crops which, all things considered, pay better.

—The splendid prize, a free ticket to the World's Fair, first offered in the columns of the TRANSCRIPT by Messrs. Westcott & Dodd, to the one buying the largest amount of goods at their store during the year, has been awarded to M. deK Smith, Esq. Mr. Smith, however, has transferred his right to the ticket to Mr. James Shuster, and that gentleman will enjoy the trip.

—Woman to the front seems to be the demand of the times, not only religiously and socially, where she has always been, but in the world of business. Miss Lucille Martindale, daughter of Rev. T. E. Martindale, has been elected secretary and treasurer of the New Castle Water Company and the New Castle Gas Company. Ladies, it is to be a question of the survival of the fittest.

—Mr. James Fox, who moved from Kent, the first of the year to the farm of Mrs. Josias Ringgold, on Eastern Bay, Queen Anne's county, says that four-horse teams were used last week in hauling oysters from the oyster pungies which are frozen in the ice in the bay, and that the solid ice measured twelve inches. The teams were driven out on the ice to the pungies and loaded from their decks.

—Mr. Wm. M. Johnson, of Millington, has a brood of five summer or blue-wing ducks, a well-known species of wild ducks. The eggs were found last summer and hatched out. The young ducks were raised in a pen in the yard. During the cold weather they have been kept in the house. They are very healthy and flourishing. They are fed on corn and wheat. Mr. Johnson is talking of sending them to Miss Ruth Cleveland.

—Thomas Melvin, a prominent citizen of Caroline county died at his home in Denton, on Tuesday of last week, aged 76 years. Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., and Rev. A. D. Melvin, of Westminster, and Rev. W. R. Graham, of Washington, are nephews of the deceased. Among his children are several of the most prominent editors of the State—James F. Melvin, editor of the *Ellicott City Democrat*; Howard Melvin, of the *Denton Journal* and Geo. T. Melvin. W. A. Melvin, a student of Washington College, is a distant relative, and Mr. Willard Melvin, our deputy clerk, and several brothers, are nephews.

—Cards have been issued announcing the marriage of Mr. William Frazier Russel and Miss Allie E. Shuster, at Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown, by Rev. D. L. Greenfield, at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, February 1, 1893.

—At a regular meeting of the Still Pond Farmers' Club, the following, Jas. S. Harris, Rev. John D. Kemp, and Henry Krusen, Still Pond, Maryland, were appointed a committee to solicit and receive any books, journals papers and reports to aid in establishing a club library. Miss Maud D. Kemp was elected librarian. The committee will be thankful for any contributions.

—Upon no less authority than Governor Brown himself, the report is given out that a party of speculators have offered Sheriff Plummer two thousand dollars for the scaffold upon which four of the Hill murderers were hung on 13 inst. The ghastly relic is to be removed to the World's Fair to gratify and further cultivate a fatal curiosity which has already reached a deplorable state of perfection.

—Alfred Stout, the negro murderer of George Dittmore, will be hung at Elkton between the hours of 12 midnight and 2 o'clock P. M. tomorrow. Stout declares his innocence and spends his time in utter disregard of the fearful doom which so soon awaits him. Though not discourteous to his spiritual advisors, it is said that he expresses no sympathy watever with their ministrations.

—Much suffering of birds and game of all kinds, is reported throughout the county. Many farmers, however, are feeding the birds and preventing in every possible way any destruction of the birds or rabbits. Hawks are ravenous and are killing much game. A buzzard was seen several days ago eating offal in the streets of Chestertown. William Willis, son of Mr. Willis, of Worton, has a hawk, a crow and a buzzard as pets during the cold weather. He will release them later. Feed the birds to the fullest extent possible.

—Mr. Percy McFeely has made a notable addition to his store-room, to make room not only for an already large stock of splendid furniture, beautiful pictures and a handsome general stock of house-furnishing goods, but is increasing and adding to the departments covered. He has rented the entire lower floor adjoining his store-room, to be used for paints, oils, carpets, rugs, picture frames, etc. Mr. McFeely states that he has been successful beyond his most sanguine expectations, and the change has been made to meet the constantly increasing demans of his growing business. Printers' ink and energy will tell.

—Mr. George B. McWhorter last week offered Mr. John S. Vandegrift permission to drive one of his finest terms across Chester river on the ice. The enterprising barber at once ascertained the thickness of the ice to be from nine to eleven inches, and at once selected his route, and advised the liveryman of his willingness to attempt the feat. But Mr. McWhorter had reconsidered his offer and withdrew from the arrangement. Report had it that Messrs. John Brice and Thomas D. France would trot a race on the ice on Monday, but arrangements were not perfected. There is a curious uncertainty about ice which evidently does not inspire confidence in the breasts of Cuestertown lovers of good horses.

—The appointment of Mr. Thomas G. E. Trenchard, of Church Hill, to the Captaincy of the Princeton foot-ball team, is a merited compliment to the dashing young player, who is as yet only eighteen years of age, and is a compliment to his State as well, Maryland having supplied the Princeton team with two captains, (John P. Poe and now comes Trenchard) within the past several years. Doggie Trenchard, the soubriquet which has permanently attached itself to the rugged, hard-tackling Easternshoreman, has on a number of occasions played on the Washington College grounds and has many admirers and friends in Kent. Indeed, he has given the college men many valuable points relative to the game. Trenchard is five feet seven inches tall and weighs 165 pounds. He was a substitute on the Princeton Tigers in 1891, but feund a place on the team of 1892 and played opposite Hinkey, who will captain Yale against Princeton in 1893 Trenchard gained his knowledge about foot-ball at the Lawrenceville, N. J., preparatory school, on the team of which he played for two years. He is a good runner, hard tackler and excellent in interference. He is also a base-ball player, and played right field for the Princeton Tiger's nine last season.

James A. Toulson Dead.

Mr. James A. Toulson, living near Lynch's, died suddenly at an early hour on Tuesday morning, of heart disease, aged sixty-nine years. Mr. Toulson was an excellent citizen and one of the old residenters, having spent the whole of his long and useful life in the immediate vicinity where he died. He had been suffering to some extent for a year past, and on Sunday night was taken suddenly ill, when his physician was summoned and relief promptly given, and it was supposed that the patient would rapidly improved, but he was again taken ill during Monday night and at an early hour on Tuesday morning, Dr. W. S. Maxweil was sent for, but before the physician reached the patient, death had come to a relief of his sufferings. The deceased leaves a wife and six children. The children are: Mrs. Dudley, of St. Mary's county; Mrs. Biglow, Mrs. Biggers, Charles, Roby and Andrew, of Kent. No man in the community was more widely known or more generally respected than was Mr. Toulson. Funeral to-day (Thursday) at 10 o'clock A. M. Interment at Union cemetery.

Transfers of Real Estate.

The following are the real estate transfers for the month of January, 1893:

John D. Urie and wife to Joseph C. Walters, lot of land between railroad depot and straw-board mill, Chestertown; consideration $600.

Edward J. Plummer, sheriff, to Hope H. Barroll, dwelling house and shoe shop, on Cyprus street, in the town of Millington; consideration $35. Colin F. Taylor and wife to J. Thomas Pennington, lot of land in Galena; consideration $260. Harrison W. Vickers, trustee, to Morris Ascher, lot of land and improvements in Chestertown, on Calvert street; consideration $280. Charles W. Stevens and others to Harriett L. Hill, lot of land in fifth district; consideration $43. Bishop Alfred A. Curtis to William H. Coleman, lot of land near Rock Hall; consideration $50. William Henry Harding and wife to Anthony Trusty, lot of land in the fifth election district; consideration $50.00. Marion DeK. Smith and wife to Abraham Alexander, lot of land in Edesville; consideration $550. Joseph Berry and wife to Charles H. Davis, Jr., lot of land in Chestertown; consideration $225. Marion deK. Smith and others to John Thomas Coleman, lot of land in third district; consideration $425. John Thomas Coleman to Fannie H. Coleman, lot of land in Still Pond Neck, third election district; consideration $425.

A BRILLIANT MARRIAGE.

The Most Beautiful Social Event of the Season.

HARRIS—BECK.

The marriage of Mr. Allen Harris and Miss Harriet Ringgold Beck, at Immannel Protestant Episcopal Church, Chestertown, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning was decidedly the most brilliant social event of Chestertown during the present season, and unquestionably no more beautiful wedding was ever solemnized in the picturesque structure which has been the scene of so many brilliant matrimonial happenings. The large stained-glass windows had been darkened from the outside, and the interior decorations were done by lady friends and the "King's Daughters," a society of young ladies of which the bride was a prominent member. A large arch of evergreen spanned the aisle seperating the reserved seats from the main body of the church; another larger and more beautiful arch, having pendant a time-honored marriage bell of holly with calla lily clapper.

A handsome arch of evergreen spanned the entrance to the choir, having the green relieved, as with the marriage bell, by a large bow knot of white ribbon. Dashes of holly and other evergreen caught in the chandaliers, banked in the windows and at appropriate places in the chancel, rendered impressively beautiful the general effect, while festoons of evergreen nearly encircled the entire church. More than a half hundred candles, glowing like a "swarm of fireflies tangled in a silver braid," assisted by the chandaliers, cast a glow of mellow beauty over a scene of far more than ordinary loveliness. It would have been next to impossible to add to the beauty of the church, so perfectly did every part of the decorations harmonize and blend.

At 10.30 o'clock, when the doors were thrown open, a crowd of friends sufficient to comfortably fill the seating capacity, were in waiting, and at 11 o'clock both standing and seating room were exhausted, so dense was the crowd. Promptly at two minutes past 11 o'clock Miss Mary Hurtt commenced to play Lohengrin's magnificent march, and the bridal party entered the church. The bride, wearing a handsome wedding gown of tan broadcloth with brown velvet and light blue cotile trimmings, and carrying a bouquet of bride roses, entered leaning upon the arm of her father, and was immediately preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Mary Beck, beautifully attired in white silk mull with lace and ribbon trimmings, and carrying a bunch of La France roses.

Preceding the maid of honor were the ushers: Messrs. William Beck, brother of the bride, Lewin W. Wickes, Stevenson Constable, William Hodges, of Baltimore, Eben F. Perkins, Jr, and W. Hopper Gibson, of Centreville. At the altar the bridal party were met by the groom and his best man, Dr. C. P. Gilpin. The ushers separated and standing under the marriage bell Mr. Allen Harris and Miss Harriet Ringgold Beck were pronounced man and wife by the Rev. S. C. Roberts. Dr. Sam'l Beck, father of the bride gave her away. During the ceremony Miss Hurtt played in mellow tones selections from Offertoire of St. Cecelia, and as the party left the church she rendered Mendelssohn's march.

Immediately after the ceremony, an elegant wedding breakfast and reception was participated in at the home of the bride's parents, on Front street. Mr. and Mrs. Harris receiving under a bower of evergreen and the the marriage bell. The presents numbering one hundred and ninety, were magnificent, consisting of a solid silver service and numberless other costly gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Harris, accompanied by a number of friends, amid a shower of rice and old shoes, started for Price's Station, where the train was taken for a trip North.

A gentleman who met the party in Queen Anne's, stated that they were throwing rice and old shoes from the carriages, while there were several old shoes on the top of the carriage of which they knew nothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris will be away about ten days or two weeks. The TRANSCRIPT extends congratulations to the popular couple.

A Delightful Entertainment.

The entertainment given at Stam's Hall on Tuesday evening last by the local talent of Church Hill, for the benefit of the P. E. Church at that place, is said by Mr. Stam and many other good judges to have been the best amateur performance ever given in the hall. The laughable drama, "A Box of Monkeys," was highly enjoyable. Miss Daisy Parvis and Dr. J. Lane Finley are worthy of special mention, both taking their part in a highly creditable manner. Miss Parvis' cuteness and easy manner placed her far above the usual amateur, and won for her many admirers, and her every appearance seemed to add new life and enthusiasm to the performance, for which she was highly complimented. Dr. Finley received many merited compliments and cast a vein of humor through the entire drama, creating much laughter in his comic character. Mrs. Finley performed her part in a graceful and dignified manner, and whispers of a complimentary character where heard through the room. Miss Batte did well her part, while Messrs. North and Brierly were highly complimented for their respective parts. The minuet dance was highly enjoyed. The costumes were beautiful and performance graceful. The music was one of the special features of the occasion. Miss Parvis' selections on the violin were a rare treat, while the baratone solos of Dr. Finley and Mr. S. M. North were enthusiastically encored. The entire entertainment was a success. It is probable this entertainment may be repeated at Stam's Hall in about two weeks.

Horse Notes

Our Farmers will have the benefit of another great horse during the coming season, viz.: Mambrino Lumps, 2 28, by Lumps, 2.21; he by George Wilkes, 2.22. His owner, Capt. C. R. Atkinson thinks he is one of the handsomest grandsons of the king of stallions, as well as one of the fastest, having trotted a full half mile in 1.08 in public, and making his record 2.28 in a race over a frozen track. Mambrino Lumps will be at the Captain's farm as soon as the weather permits safe transportation.

Dr. G. Allen Jarman has purchased the magnificent, finely-bred four-year-old stallion, Calaveres, having in his veins the blood of some of the most fashionable families of the American turf, as will be seen from the following pedigree: Calaveres 12749, b. s. foaled 1889, sired by California 4132, (son of Sultan 2.24) dam, Florence, by King Mambrino 2566; 2nd. dam, Firstlove, by Clark Chief 89; 3rd. dam Freelove, by Strader's Cassius M. Clay, Jr. 22; 4th. dam by Neave's Cassius M. Clay, Jr. 20; 5th. dam said to be by thorough-bred Grey Eagle.

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THE SOCIAL WORLD.

The Afternoon Tea the Queen of the Social Season.

Of all the dainty social buds which have ever gladdened by their perfect beauty the conservatory of winter pleasures, surely the afternoon tea stands pre-eminently the most charming. It is the little Edelweiss breaking its way through the rocky soil and chilling snows of frigid winter. Yet, unlike the natural flower in its fragile beauty, which fades when plucked, and sinks to sleep only in the chosen shroud which Nature has given it, the afternoon tea, our American Edelweiss, when gathered, robes itself in each and all of the primary colors of the gorgeous rainbow, or, if needs be, a thousand and one combinations may be concentred in the charming gown of the bewitching little blossom. Chestertown has never known a season of more delightful social pleasures. No queenly roses have rendered the atmosphere fragrant with perfume, but the dainty buds of afternoon teas and card parties have rendered the hours redolent with beauty and brightness. The Misses Jennie and Katie Hines plucked the first of these wayward flowers, and placed it in the vase arranged for the dainty collection. Their's was, possibly, one of the most elaborate and most charmingly arranged progressive euchre parties ever given in the town. Beautiful prizes rewarded not only the skill, but a lack of skill of the players. The young ladies made charming hostesses, and the occasion was one well deserving the honor of being the winter queen to be followed by a retinue of not less charming subjects.

Then came the orange tea of the Misses Hallie and Mary Beck, given to Mrs. LaDue and Miss Barrenger, of Philadelphia, the friends and guests of Miss Rebecca Wickes. This was a delightful affair in its every appointment, and its brightness and beauty was participated in, possibly, by a greater number of persons than had ever been present on a similar occasion in the town. Mrs. LaDue, Miss Barrenger, the Misses Hallie and Mary Beck, Mrs. Horace Beck, Mrs. Spencer Harris, the Misses Jennie and Katie Hines, Miss Ellen Fisher, Miss Idel Baker, Miss Rebecca Wickes and Miss Nelie Walker, all in evening dress, received. The larger but less brilliant gems of creation, the gentlemen, were not admitted. In the evening the ushers of the then approaching marriage, were beautifully received and entertained in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Walker threw a dainty spray of beautiful smilax into the social posy on Wednesday evening in the form of a splendid supper in honor of Miss Hallie Beck and a number of friends. This graceful dash of glossy vine will give an added charm to the perfected whole.

Next on the delightful programme was the dainty contribution of Dr. C. P. Gilpin, at his beautiful parlors on Main street, on Friday evening, from 7 to 9 o'clock, in the form of a reception. Bright flashes of beauty marked every arrangement, and the occasion was one of charming pleasure and brilliancy. The receivers, all in evening dress, were: Dr. C. P. Gilpin and Mrs. LaDue, William Beck and Miss Barrenger, Dr. Stites and Miss Katie Hines, Lewin W. Wickes and Miss Jennie Hines, Eben F. Perkins, Jr., and Miss Mary Beck.

The social banquet was perfected on Saturday afternoon, in the superb orange tea of Miss Idel Baker, given in honor of her friend and guest, Miss Murphy, of New York, from four to six o'clock. For beauty of conception and elegance in every arrangement, Miss Baker's tea was a magnificent ideal. The poetry of the beautiful social flower was given out in its richness and beauty, and was enjoyed by a large number of callers. Miss Murphy, Miss Hallie Beck and Miss Baker standing in front of a beautiful bank of lilies and ferns, received. Miss Constable, of Baltimore; Miss Anna Brown, Miss Mary Beck, Miss Ellen Fisher, Miss Nelie Walker and Mrs. John D. Urie, presided at the tables. The table was universally declared to be a simple dream of beauty resting under a flood of golden light sifted through orange colored shades. A pyramid of flowers stood in the centre of the table, while from each corner broad streamers of ribbon lead to a central point in the ceiling.

The Bachelors' Club gave Mr. Allen Harris an elegant supper at the Voshell House on Saturday evening. Only single gentlemen are allowed to the club, and none others were present.

Dr. C. P. Gilpin, Lewin W. Wickes and the Misses Jennie and Katie Hines were present at the enjoyable ball given by the young men of Middletown, on Thursday evening last.

BETTERTON ITEMS.

Delightful Times Being Enjoyed at the Bayside.

BETTERTON, MD., Jan. 24, 1893.

More sport can be enjoyed at Betterton in one day at the present time, we'll warrant, than in any other village in the county, in a week. If you don't believe it, come to our little water resort on the Chesapeake and see. From morning until night, coasting, skating, wheelbarrow rolling, glass-ball shooting and other amusements are carried on with vim and enthusiasm, and for one to have a slow time, 'tis next to impossible. One of the bay hills has been just perfect for coasting the distance down which the sleds speed at lightening rate, is perhaps 200 or 250 yards, and is as steep and slippery as could be desired. In the evenings lanterns light up the winding road which run down a picturesque ravine and away to the bay the host of boys and girls go. The sport is simply thrilling.

An enjoyable dance was given at the Betterton House a few nights ago.

Wm. A. Crew, has been confined to his house for several days with a severe attack of neuralgia.

R. C. Young and Walter Brice, who hold the respective positions of purser and saloon master on the Ericsson boats are at home for a few days. Owing to the heavy ice the boats have found it impossible to make the regular trips and are laid up for a short time or until the ice breaks up somewhat.

The people were very much surprised on Monday morning to see horsemen crossing the bay from Howell's Point. The nervy and somewhat venturesome explorers were Carson Harris, J. Crowding, Jr., and Walter Crowding, who road over to Stony Point on the Harford shore, about opposite Howell's Point, a distance of perhaps six miles. The trip was made without accident and in the return, the young men rode in a fast galop. The ice was from nine to twelve inches thick, and unless an air hole was encountered, there is little or no danger in such an undertaking, often however, when the ice is the heaviest, air-holes are frequent in the channel. No difficulty was apparent with the party, though they were watched eagerally by a large crowd from this point.

Capt. Jas. T. Brice has returned from a delightful visit to friends in Queen Anne's and Caroline counties. OLD SALT.

DARING FEATS ON THE ICE.

Kent's Fearless Horsemen—An Almost Unprecedented Achievement.

While the present protracted cold spell has been fertile in daring feats, Kent county, so far, by all odds exceeds in the hardy daring displayed in startling records on the ice. For several days Messrs. Carson W. Harris, son of Mr. James S. Harris, and J. B. Crowding. Jr., and Walter W. Crowding, sons of Mr. Jacob B. Crowding, had been quietly discussing the feasibility of crossing the Chesapeake on the ice, and on Tuesday morning the trip was arranged for. Just before 11 o'clock, the three young men rode to Barnard's wharf, intending to make the trip on foot, but upon riding their horses out upon the ice, there being no signs of weakness, the programme was changed, and it was decided that the trip should be made on horse-back. At 11 o'clock the start was made from Barnard's wharf, every precaution being exercised to avoid accident. At times one of the young men leading his horse, would procede his companions; then, again, all would canter over the snow-covered surface of the ice. The distance of nine miles to Stony Point, on the Harford shore, was made in about two hours. As trophies of the trip, the young men gathered bunches of dead grass and started for home, and the greater portion of the way kept their horses in a full run and rode three abreast, reaching Barnard's wharf before three o'clock. This is, possibly, one of the most daring trips ever voluntarily made by a Kent countian on the ice. The parents of the young men opposed the hazardous journey, and it is claimed that Mr. Crowding knew nothing of his sons' final determination to go until they had gone.

Capt. Ned Crew, a waterman of about 70 years' experience, says that he has heard his father tell that during one extremely cold winter the supply of salt gave out, and a number of persons crossed the bay in teams and brought back salt and other necessities from Baltimore, landing on the bayshore at or near Betterton. This must have been, the captain thinks, about one hundred years ago.

Mr. James S. Harris says, that with the possible exception of 1856, when trains were run across the Susquehanna river on the ice, he has never seen the bay so completely blocked with heavy ice.

Mr. Raymond Sparks, of Church Hill, several days ago drove in a sleigh on the ice from Queenstown to Booker's wharf, following the middle of Chester river.

On Saturday, 21st, Captain Daniel Friel and Blane Cross left Queenstown at 4 P. M. with a horse and sleigh and drove across Chester river to Bogle's wharf and landed on the Kent side and returned about 6 P. M. They drove across the track the ice-boat made on her way to Chestertown after the Hill murderers. They said the track seemed as strong as any other part, only it was rough. This is the first time in the knowledge of the oldest inhabitant of our county that a horse was ever driven across that part of Chester river.

A number of dredgers have walked from the lower Chesapeake up the bay to the mouth of Chester river and thence to Baltimore. But for unadulterated nerve and a determination to carry off the palm, the young men from Kent stand pre-eminently ahead of all competitors. To find how the ice is being enjoyed at Betterton, read "Old Salt's" newsy letter.

OUR CRUMPTON LETTER.

An Important Church Change—A Painful Accident.

Jan. 24, 1893.

EDITORS TRANSCRIPT:—It may not be uninteresting to some of the many readers of your excellent paper, to know that Presiding Elder, Rev. Alfred Smith, has inaugurated a plan by which the Union M. E. Church, Queen Anne's county, is to be made a part of the Crumpton charge for the ensuing conference year. To the Methodists of this place, this is good news. The Ecclesiastical nubbins grow very short in Crumpton sand. Ever since it has been a separate charge, with only Double Creek attached, it has been financially very weak. With the Union added they can pay the pastor $600 or $700 and house to live in. Crumpton has a parsonage purchased and paid for under the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Merrit, much of the money having been obtained abroad, Centreville, Sadlersville, Chestertown, Still Pond, Union, Dover and churches in Wilmington having contributed liberally.

Miss Essie Wardell, of this town, and Mr. George Biddle, of Rich Neck, were quietly married in the parsonage here, on Thursday evening, January 19th.

One of our worthy citizens, Mr. ——— could not be persuaded that Tuesday, 17th, was a cold day. So on going to the coal house, as a test, he first applied his hand and then his tongue to the lock. The lock refused to let go; he started for the fire, but was too prudent to go into the house with his tongue padlocked, and used a knife to release the "little member." We remember having tried an experiment of this kind many years ago, but to this day have not forgotten how it felt. It taught us a lesson of humanity. What is not good for a man, is not good for a horse. In frosty weather, we alway warm the bit.

Mr. John Hubbard has sold his plant and creamery business in this place, to Mr. Hamden Massey, of Virginia, who in a few days will take entire control. Mr. Hubbard, no doubt, will go back to the trowel again. He is a most excellent plasterer.

Mrs. Ella Woodall is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Rev. Albert Chandler, at Marydell. BENTLEY BARD.

Married in January.

White.—Fredus F. Whiteley and Hattie A. Goodman, Thomas Heley and Ida Shaw, George Stevens and Emma F. Reynolds, Charles H. Hudson and Emma E. Crouch, Aaron W. Taylor and Lucy V. Joiner, Wm. H. Garrett and Mollie A. Moffett, Walter S. Trew and Bessie Brown, Isaac N. Huey and Sallie Meredith, Aulton J. Andrews and Hanna M. Middleton, Chas. J. Thompson and Ella LeCompte, Albert S. Turner and Mamie A. Crew, Edward W. Starit and Elizabeth G. Clift; Allen Harris and Harriett R. Beck.

Colored.—John W. Draper and Annie Dorsey, Charles Snowden and Araminta Reed, Wm. G. Price and Lizzie Gould, George Anderson and Harriett A. Davis, James H. Graves and Mary Meeds, John Hall and Emma Chambers, John Lomax and Belle Munson, Wm. H. Pearce, Jr., and Hennie Boslin, Elbert Duckery and Dora Starling, Samuel Perkins and Minnie E. Stevens.

Court News.

Orphans' Court, Jan. 24, 1893.—Present Judges Harris, Moffett and Burgess. C. T. Westcott, administrator of B. C. Jones, deceased, passed second and final administration of said deceased. J. Walter Skirven, guardian to Florence Harris, filed final guardian account. J. Walter Skirven, guardian to Louis Hanes, filed guardian account from 1889 to January 1st, 1893. The last will and testament of Henrietta Elias was admitted to probate.

A BRILLIANT DANCE.

Still Pond's Annual Hop a Delightful Success.

Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well, is the rule of the young men of Still Pond as exemplified in their brilliant dances each year. Thursday evening was no exception to the rule, and the scene presented in the brilliantly lighted ball-room, in Still Pond Hall, was inspiring and beautiful. Nearly every section of Kent county was represented, the ladies appearing in evening dress, and many of the gentlemen wearing dress suits. Though possibly not quite so elaborate as the magnificent social triumph of a year ago, it was none-the-less delightfully pleasant. The floor was in splendid condition and the music furnished by three pieces of Iula's celebrated orchestra was all that could have been asked by the votaries of the dance. The grand march commenced at 8.45 o'clock, and broken only by a delightfully prepared lunch of sandwitches and coffee, continued until the wee sma' hours of the morning.

Among those present were: Mr. H. Massey and Miss Blanche Hackett, of Sudlersville; Richard Duckett and Sam'l Emory, Centreville; from Chestertown, Mr. and Mrs. Carole C. Perkins, Misses Belle Aldridge, Daisy and Nannie Brice, Veva Perkins, George Brice, Dr. George Perkins, Harry Busick; Millington, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Comegys; Georgetown, Miss Schofield, Miss Katie Woodall and Miss Laura Jones; Locust Grove, Mrs. J. H. Kelley, Woodland and Clifton Hurtt, W. R. Crow; Edesville, Misses Strong, Mr. Strong, Miss Jessop, Mr. and Mrs. Bert DeCorse; Melitota, Misses Mollie and Tenie Alrich, the Messrs. Airich, Miss Mamie Catlin, Romie Skirven, James G. Beck, Harry Willis, Jesse Usilton; Still Pond, Misses Gulie Parrott, Sadie Burgess, May Price, May Parrott, Helen and Ethel Covington, Sue and Josephine Jones, the Misses Harding, Will R. Price, George C. Howard, Howard Turner, George E. Parrott, John B. Parrott, Bayard Stavely, Howard Parrott, H. T. Jones, James G. Harris, Carson Harris, Eugene Bonwill, Misses Lula and Fannie Bonweil; Galena, Frank McCauley, Miss McCauley, Dennis Noland; Kennedyville, L. C. Justis, Jr., Miss Dela Justis, Miss Dewees; Miss Moore, Greensborough; Wm. Bell, J. E. Richardson, W. C. Brown, of Chestertown; Fletcher Caulk, Eben Clark, John Stokes and W. B. Stephens, were also present.

OVERTON NEWS.

OVERTON, Jan. 24, 1893.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Miss Lizzie Bryan, the estimable teacher of the island school, gave a delightful entertainment at the school house, Wednesday evening, January 18, and it was pronounced by the large audience a decided success. The programme was as follows:

Opening Song.....by the School
Welcome Address.....Clarence Akers
Susie's Lesson.....Bessie and Tom Willson
A Little Tot.....Richard Willson
Song—I'm Going to Write to Papa.....Helen Sappington
Recitation—Papa's Letter.....Ada Pearce
Darkey's Sermon.....Miller Maslin
Talking Tots....Kate Akers and Charles Pearce
A Little Speech.....Carrie Akers
Imps of the Trunk Room.....H. Sappington, A. and N. Pearce, B. Willson and R. Dorsey
What Little Boys Can Do.....Johnny Wilson
Tableaux, recitation and Song—The Lonely Parents.....Rilla Downey and M. Maslin
My First Speech.....Rudolph Kirshnick
A Woman's Lecture.....Ada Pearce
Boasting....Wickesie Sappington and Charles Pierce
Tableau—Babes in the Woods
Song—Sweet Eliza.....Eugene Willson
Tableau and Dialogue—The Fortune Teller.....Miss Widgie and Allie Sappington and M. Maslin, S. and Nellie Pearce, and M. Wilkins
Recitation—The Polish Boy.....Nellie Pearce
Give and Take.....Bessie Willson.
Song—O, Mother, Take the Wheel Away.....Miss W. Sappington
Truth in Parenthesis.....Rilla Downey
Recitation.....C. Pierce
Kitty's Funeral, Bessie Willson, Evelyn Everett
Mr. and Mrs. Caudle.....Kate and Tom Willson
Chatter Box.....Evelyn Everett
The Rain Bow.....The Little Ones
Troubles of a Wife.....Helen Sappington
Then and Now.....Notley Willson
Little Mimies.....R. Downey and Ada Pearce
Asleep at the Switch.....Tom Willson
Will Chasing Neil, Frank Akers and Jas Pierce
Witcher in the Cream, W. and A. Sappington, Willie Wilkens, J and N. Pearce and M. Maslin
Tableau—False Love.....by the quartette, Urie, Taylor, Maslin, and Miss Helen Sappington.
Song—Good Night.....by the quartette, Urie, Taylor, Maslin, and Miss Helen Sappington.
Home, Sweet Home.....by the Musicians

The scholars did credit to Miss Bryan's training. Music was furnished between acts by E. W. Willson and Marion Miller, and also some good music by the quartette.

The recent cold spell was the coldest ever experienced by our oldest residents. A large quantity of poultry was frozen to death. The ice on the river is thick enough to bear a team. Numbers of men can be seen crossing from Kent Island and Queen Anne's county on the ice. Several crowds of dredgers have walked from Eastern bay across to the Island, then to Rock Hall, and then across the bay to Steelton.

The sleighing has been the best for years.

Water fowl are very scarce, as there is no water for them to set or feed in. The river looks like one vast snow-covered field.

Mr. James Shriley has moved on Mr. Wm. Stevens' farm, recently occupied by his son Frank, who has moved to the home farm. Yours, UNO.

KENNEDYVILLE ITEMS.

Live Items by Selkirk.

KENNEDYVILLE, Jan. 24, 1893.

Commencing with January 9, 1893, Messrs. Shafer and Davies have secured a first-class butter-maker, Mr. Richard Haggerty, from New York. They have also had one of the separators repaired, which never gave satisfaction, but is now working well, and with the improvement recently made, we may reasonably expect more satisfactory results. For December, 1892, they received 65,672 pounds of milk, for which they paid $1.30, against 70,382 pounds for December, 1891, for which they paid $1.20 per one hundred pounds.

Ice houses are very generally filled with good, solid ice from 5 to 7 inches thick.

Our village houses are all occupied, and the health of our people never was better. The snow and extreme cold weather has given rise to considerable comment. Are the peaches killed? Some of our growers think they are, while others are more hopeful, and have examined quite a good many buds, and found few dead buds. They certainly went into winter quarters in splendid condition.

Feed the birds, or there will be very few if any left. Quite a number have been found starved and frozen to death by the roadside. Several of our neighbors near here are feeding one or more covies ranging in number from five to one dozen, and so far they are apparently safe, except from the hawks.

Rabbits are also suffering, and many have already come to grief.

Sleighing for the present is well nigh played out, but occasionally we hear the merry jingle of the sleigh bells.

If our scientists are to be credited, Old Zero, who, by the way, has not put in an appearance in this locality for years, has at least, done us a great favor in destroying quantities of insects, of late years so destructive to our crops. But while we appreciate his manifold services, let us hope he will delay a return visit for another year. SELKIRK.

JOHN L. LAWSON DEAD.

An Old-Time Business Man and the Oldest Union League Member.

John L. Lawson, a prominent and old-time citizen, died of congestion of the lungs at his residence, No. 1322 Spruce street, Philadelphia, about ten days ago, aged 78 years. He was born in the old district of Northern Liberties, and started his business career as a member of the dry goods firm of Scott & Lawson, which was subsequently changed to Dutton, Henry & Lawson. The panic of 1848 engulfed the later firm after Mr. Lawson had purchased the interest of his partners, but a few years later, having recuperated his scattered fortunes, he liquidated his indebtedness in full with interest. After his withdrawal from mercantile life Mr. Lawson established a note brokerage business at No. 19 South Third street. He was the oldest member of the Union League and was twice honored as a Republican Presidential electors from Pennsylvania; first on the Garfield ticket in 1880 and on the Harrison ticket of 1892. He was a member of Select Council from the ward a few years ago, and at the time of his death was a city director of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad.

The decease was the father of Mr. Thomas S. Lawson, who has gained many friend in Kent during his short sojourn in the county as the guest of Mr. Richardson at Plum Point.

GOLTS' ITEMS.

"X" Writes of Current Events.

Our genial merchant, J. M. Conner lost a valuable horse on Tuesday morning of last week. The horse was killed by excessive eating of corn.

Mr. Perry Craner, of Pomona, is visiting Mr. John P. Shelton.

Mr. W. H. Ford is to have a sale on Saturday, when he will dispose of his entire lot of household furniture. We don't know certainly Mr. Ford's object in selling out, but think that—well, I guess that we had better wait.

Mr. W. N. Hall also lost a fine animal this week; cause of death unknown.

Mr. James Cumberford, of Massey's, has moved in our vicinity, on Willow hill. We, as a community, extend to him a brotherly welcome and hope that he will long remain in our midst.

Mr. M. V. Davis, we learn, has just