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LOCAL MATTERS.

—Our Kennedyville correspondent writes that "the section men struck on Saturday morning."

—The public schools of Church Hill have been closed for three weeks, owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever in the town.

—A cold winter is a harbinger of a good fishing season, says the old saw now ready to be reset. If this be true, what may we not expect from the coming season?

—For thirty days, commencing with January 30, Postmaster Brown will be required to weigh all mail matter going out of and received at the Chestertown postoffice.

—The recent annual report of the Maryland Hospital for the Insane gives the number of patients admitted from Kent during the year as one; remaining at the close of the year, 6, 2 males and 4 females.

—One of the most striking floral curiosities possibly ever seen in Chestertown, is a black calla or Solomon's lily from the Holy Land, in full blessom, the property of Florist William Kirby. The bloom is as unique as it is beautiful.

—Mr. Henry Wilmer, oyster inspector of Queen Anne's, has had himself a handsome new boat built to be used in patroling his beat on Chester river. The new boat will be launched as soon as the river is cleared of ice.

—Colored citizens of Annapolis at a meeting presided over by Rev. I. F. Aldridge adopted resolutions commending the actiod of Covernor Brown in commuting the sentence of the four boys convicted of the murder of Dr. Hill.

—The Messrs. Baldwin, who for several years past have successfully conducted the canning business at Kennedyville, were in the county on Thursday, and contracted with the farmers of Kennedyville and vicinity for 150 acres of tomatoes at $6 per ton. A decided step in advance for the farmer.

—Dr. G. Allen Jarman, on Saturday received a handsomely executed Certificate of membership to the United States Veterinary Medical Association, the certificate stated that the doctor was duly examined and found worthy of membership. This is an honorable distinction enjoyed by few persons in the state.

—Reports are received from the vicinity of Fairlee and Tolchester, that the crows and buzzards are working such destruction to young lambs that farmers dare not turn their sheep into the fields. Both crows and buzzards are ravenous. In many instances crows are so poor as to be unable to fly when approached.

—A gentleman writing to the *Country Gentleman*, published in Albany, New York, of Eastern Shore farming lands, in referring to Kent, says: "I think it is the finest section of farming land in the eastern part of our country. The western portion of Queen Anne's and the most of Talbot are superior to the average."

—The recent snow created an almost unprecedented flurry in the sleigh market. Old affairs which had been stored away for years, and had become covered with dust and cobwebs, were brought out and sold at prices which made the dainty "cutter" smile at the absurdity. The "cutter" enjoyed a corresponding rise in imaginary value.

—In spite of the intensely cold weather the picturesque little pond, which has given name to Still Pond and vicinity, has remained without a skim of ice on its surface, but has been a favorite resort for wild ducks. This phenomenal little lake has never been know to freeze, and is truly "Picturesque Still Pond."

—The next meeting of the Peninsula Creamery Association will be held in Smyrna, Delaware, on Thursday, March 16th, and it is very likely that representatives will be present from every creamery on the Peninsula. At the meeting Luther S. Kuffman, Esq., one of the attorneys for National Dairyman's Protective Association, will make an address.

—The last visible reminder of Kent's quadruple execution was removed on Monday when Sheriff Plummer had the gallows, used on January 13, taken down and stored away. The sheriff states that he has not sold the gallows, but will do so for a suitable price. He has received no direct offer for the now noted structure, but was simply asked by a northern newspaper man if $1000 would buy it.

—Says the Kennett *Advance*, of Pennsylvania: "The brother of Mose Brown, who was hanged at Chestertown, Md., for the murder of Dr. Hill, was in Toughkenamon in the summer of '91, so 'tis said. His brother Mose cut him with a razor in a cutting affray, from the effects of which he afterward died. Mose then set out for Maryland, and his career ended on the gallows."

—Mr. Walter W. Chapman, one of the most daring and expert bicyclists of Kent, but for the thaw and rain on Sunday, was desirous of making the run on the ice across Chesapeake bay on his wheel, this week. Had the novel trip been made, Mr. Chapman would have secured a companion if possible. This would have stood as a break in the record not only of cycling, but would certainly have been the first trip of the kind ever made across Chesapeake Bay.

—Oyster Inspector for Chester river, Mr. Henry Wilmer, of Queen Anne's county reports that the ice has drawn a number of piles of his wharf several feet out of the earth and otherwise injured his property. Mr. Joseph Turner states that some of the piling at the Scott's Point property has also been similarly injured by the ice. The probabilities are that considerable damage will be suffered from the same cause on Chester river. An examination of Chester river bridge shows no injury, and though some apprehend injury when the heavy ice fields up the rives sweep down against it, those best calculated to know, think that there is no serious danger.

—The case of Dr. W. S. Twilley, of Baltimore, on appeal from Judge Robinson's decision in the Kent County Circuit Court, concerning the question of whether or not bicyclers shall be compelled to dismount from their machines while crossing the Chester bridge, at Chestertown, was argued in the Court of Appeals last week by Colonel Thomas S. Hodson for Dr. Twilley and Marion DeKalb Smith for the county commissioners of Kent county, who established the rule compelling bicyclers to dismount while crossing the bridge, and which rule Judge Robinson sustained in his court. Dr. Twilley was fined for violating the rule, and took an appeal. The decision of the Court of Appeals will be looked forward to with interest.

—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Locust Grove Creamery Co., Tuesday, January 24, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Dr. J. Horton Kelley, Robert Comly, Samuel A. Merritt, John C. Sutton, Jr., Wm. Crow, George W. Roeder, Julian Hurtt, John Comegys, C. S. Hill. At a subsequent meeting, held on Thursday, the following officers were elected: Dr. J. Horton Kelley, president; Robert Comly, treasurer; J. C. Sutton, Jr., secretary.

—An inquisitive critic of the new Columbian stamps has made the rare discovery that, while in the one cent stamp Columbus is depicted in the act of sighting land, and with a clean shaven face, in the two-cent stamp, he is represented on shore and in the possession of a full beard. As the two events are recorded as having occurred within 12 hours of each other, the critic is at a loss to account for the luxuriant growth of whiskers. This, however, is not the only remarkable thing about the one-cent stamp. The name of Columbus is spelled "Columrus."

—The color of the special delivery stamps heretofore used, is to be changed to orange, because of the fact that in size and color the special delivery and the one cent stamps are so similar as to cause no little confusion. The new Columbian stamps as a matter of convenience, are not popular, there being too much surface to be moistened for either convenience or comfort. The principal objection is on this account. It is supposed, however, that the Columbian stamps will only be issued during the present year, after which the new administration will probably issue stamps of an entirely new design and possessing other characteristic advantages over any previous issue. Postmaster Brown says that as an outgrowth of the change of the fee for registering letters from ten to eight cents, a new eight-cent stamp is badly needed to facilitate work in the postoffice service.

—Mr. and Mrs. Allen Harris, during their one week of wedded life, have made two narrow escapes from unpleasant experiences with fire. Immediately following the marriage ceremony, when the bridal party returned to the home of Dr. Samuel Beck, the bride's father, all were startled to find the parlor, which had been transformed into a realm of beauty by the magnificent display of costly presents, filled with smoke and the servants engaged in a hand-to-hand conflict with the fire fiend. The candles which had been lighted on the mantel had set fire to the evergreen decorations and the flames had communicated to the bower under which Mr. and Mrs. Harris were to receive. Mr. Harris arrived just in time to rush into the house and tear down the inflammable material, and save the house from destruction by fire. The walls were badly scorched and some parlor ornaments injured. In Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Harris stopped at the Bingham House on Wednesday, but changed on Thursday just in time to escape the Bingham House fire and excitement on Thursday night.

THE PROMENADE CONCERT.

A Magnificent Affair for the benefit of the Poor.

One of the most novel, as also one of the most delightful events ever presented in Chestertown, will be the Promenade Concert to be given under the auspices of the Dorcas Society of Immanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, assisted by the musical talent of the choirs of the town, the proceeds to be devoted entirely to the needs of the poor of the town. Every effort is being made to make the affair a delightful success. Independent of a splendid supper the musical features will be on a scale elaborate and unusual in its attractiveness. Then too other features not sufficiently matured to be announced at present will be presented. The entertainment will take place Tuesday evening, February 14.

Supper will be from 5.30 P. M. to 7 P. M. Price 50 cents. Bill of fare—Chicken salad—oysters—pickled, fried and raw, cold turkey, ham, tongue, bread, tea and coffee, pickles and celery.

Concert to begin promptly at 8 P. M.; admission, fifty cents, with interlude of twenty minutes between the first and second parts, for promenade and social intercouse. The concert will open with a grand chorus from the several choirs taking part, and a full programme will be presented. The Harry Rickey minstrels will lend their aid, and need no introduction to the public of Chestertown. The Indian club exercise will be given by the Athletic Club of Washington College, under the direction of Professor Burris, and will constitute a beautiful feature of the evening.

BUSY WORKERS.

Splendid Averages Made at the Public School During January.

The following averages have been made upon the basis of the French marking system, which has worked admirably in our schools. Prof. T. H. Topping pronounces the system a decided success, and states that the new method is as popular with pupils as with the teachers.

EIGHTH GRADE.

Annie DeFord	.91	Tillie Reiche	.85
Maud Bramble	.88		

SEVENTH GRADE.

Mamie Thompson	.99	Pearl Shuster	.88
Mamie Carroll	.98	Minnie Peregoy	.87
Amy Russell	.98	Eddie Boston	.86
Tannie Willis	.97	Rose McIntire	.82

SECOND-SIXTH GRADE.

Lillie Crow	.92	Mamie Kirby	.86
May Hill	.91	Fred Russell	.84
Georgia Thompson	.91	Maggie Joiner	.82
Dora Staats	.89	Allie Wright	.82
Harry Anthony	.87		

FIRST-SIXTH GRADE.

Grace Whaland	.95	Sadie Hendrickson	.86
Frank Smith	.94	Bertha Bryan	.83
Katie Shuster	.88	Sophie Beck	.81
Sallie Beck	.87	Harry Fallowfield	.81
Owen Row	.87	Susie Ford	.81
Annie Brice	.86	Robert McWhorter	.81
Susie Culp	.86	Waters Russell	.81

SECOND-FIFTH GRADE.

Adele France	.97	Freddie Strong	.91
Mary Brown	.95	Lemout Thompson	.89
Sophie Rose	.95	Mamie Copper	.86
Ethel Perkins	.93	Raymond Simpers	.85

FIRST-FIFTH GRADE.

Bessie Wheatley	.95	Ollie Hill	.85
May Crow	.94	Charles McWhorter	.84
Dollie McWhorter	.92	Walter Wright	.83
Bessie Coleman	.91	Milton Peregoy	.82
Frank Hines	.91	Harry Barnes	.82
Hallie Toulson	.90	Nellie Eareckson	.81
Zoa Elliott	.89	Earle Simpers	.80
Barbara Anthony	.86	Blanche Cox	.80
Carl Biscoe	.86		

FOURTH GRADE.

Lizzie Willis	.98	Clarence Coleman	.85
Staunton Brown	.97	Nora Boston	.84
Lottie Blackway	.95	Hallie Westcott	.84
Benia Dill	.92	Lula Downey	.83
Olive Beecham	.91	Harry York	.82
Florence Green	.88	Maud Thompson	.82
Dora Thompson	.87	Lizzie Quelette	.82
Fannie Smith	.87	Ada Barnett	.81
Carl Russell	.87	Pearl Hendrickson	.80
Harry Bramble	.87		

THIRD GRADE.

May Jones	.98	Earle Barnes	.90
Burton Burchinal	.98	Bessie Twilley	.89
Ethel Coleman	.97	Godfrey Westcott	.89
Allie Elliott	.97	Polk Bramble	.87
Hallie Connelly	.97	Iris Anthony	.85
Gussie Friedman	.95	Blanch Elliott	.85
Lillie Greenwood	.94	Jessie Willis	.84
Mabel Toulson	.93	Effie Lynch	.84
Mabel Comegys	.93	Frank Duyer	.80

SECOND GRADE.

Louise Usilton	.96	Roland Parks	.87
Jennie Hines	.95	Alice Walmsley	.86
Elsie Fallowfield	.95	Elmore Wright	.85
Gussie Lambert	.93	Maggie Chlcutt	.85
Bennie Boston	.93	Lottie Rose	.84
Morgan Matthews	.92	Ned Westcott	.84
Rachel Copper	.91	Burchinal Brown	.83
Charlie Hines	.90	Bessie Thompson	.83
Howard Dodd	.90	Elwood Biscoe	.82
Anna Bryan	.89	Edna Dugan	.82
Arnold Dugan	.89	Garfield McCalg	.81
Allie Lambert	.88		

FIRST GRADE.

Nellie Jones	.91	Clara Thompson	.83
Louis Roland	.90	Duke Brown	.82
Romie Harris	.87	Frank Greenwood	.80
Clifton Rawleigh	.84	James Bartlett	.80
Sadie Gardner	.83	Charlie Dodd	.80

WEATHER NOTES.

The Has Been and to Be of the Winter.

DECEMBER TEMPERATURE RECORD, 1892.

Day.	Degree.	Degree.	Wind.
21, Lowest 12	Highest 36		N W & S W
22, " 18	" 28		N W
23, " 20	" 30		N W & W
24, " 12	" 24		N W
25, " 22	" 30		S & S W
26, " 10	" 24		N W
27, " 12	" 24		N W
28, " 14	" 28		N W
29, " 10	" 28		N W
30, " 15	" 30		N W
31, " 24	" 36		S E

JANUARY, 1893.

Day.	Degree.	Degree.	Wind.
1, Lowest 28	Highest 42		S & S E
2, " 32	" 44		W
3, " 20	" 36		N W
4, " 16	" 32		S
5, " 16	" 28		N E
6, " 18	" 28		N E & N W
7, " 20	" 30		N W
8, " 20	" 30		N W
9, " 20	" 34		S
10, " 2	" 16		N W
11, " 1	" 20		N W
12, " 16	" 28		N E
13, " 0	" 20		N W
14, " 0	" 20		W & S
15, " 6	" 20		N W
16, " 6 bel'w zero	16		N W & S W
17, " 10 bel'w zero	20		N W
18, " 7 bel'w zero	24		N E & S W
19, " 16 degrees	28		N E & S E
20, " 10	" 26		N W
21, " 10	" 30		N W
22, " 4	" 34		S W
23, " 22	" 40		S
24, " 24	" 40		S & E
25, " 30	" 50		S W

These observations were made about sunrise, noon, dark and 10 to 11 o'clock P. M.

Hicks, the weather man forecasts the weather for February as follows: Secondary disturbances existing at the opening of the month, end in cold 1st and 2d. Warmer about the 5th, with rain and snow to 7th. A cold wave will follow, extending southward and lasting to about from 16th to 19th. After storms about those dates, colder up to about 17th. Storms of rain, thunder, sleet and snow will touch the 23rd and 24th, followed by returning cold, until the last day of the month, at which time rising temperature and coming storms will be the order. Don't forget or neglect the poor dumb creatures that depend upon you for food or shelter. Their suffering will be your loss.

The records of February weather in Baltimore for the past twenty-two years, as compiled at the Baltimore weather office, show that the mean temperature for the month in that time was 37°. The warmest Feb. was in 1884, when the average temperature was 42.2°, and the coldest was in 1885, when 28.5° was the average. The highest temperature recorded as having been reached in the month was 78°, February 23, 1874, and the lowest was 1°, February 5, 1886. The average precipitation was 3.58 inches.

THE SOCIAL WORLD;

How the Hours are Passed in Social Circles.

With the approach of the Lentén calm, the social world becomes more and more buoyant with ruddy life, and not until the vesper shadows close on the last day of enjoyment prior to the Lenten season, will the round of pleasure cease. The young men of Chestertown will give a large ball at Stam's Hall, on February 9, which will be the crowning feature of the social year.

Mr. William Brown, of Quaker Neck, entertained a number of friends at his home last week.

An enjoyable surprise party was given at the home of Mr. J.P. Hendrickson, near Urieville, to Miss Loula Loud, of Delaware, sister of Mrs. Hendrickson, one evening last week. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present, and the evening was most pleasantly spent. Miss Loud has a large circle of friends in the county who have made her present visit a most delightful one.

Miss Nelie Walker will hold a charming tea at her home this evening in honor of Mrs. Allen Harris, Mrs. Edward W. Emory and Mrs. J. Fletcher Rolph.

Miss Adelle France held a delightful reception at her home on Thursday evening last.

The Sewing Circle of St. James Church were beautifully entertained at the home of Mr. Robert G. Nicholson, on Thursday evening.

A Pastor Surprised.

Rev. W. R. Mowbray, pastor of Bond and Mowbray M. E. Churches, Quaker Neck, was given an enjoyable surprise at his home on Friday evening, by the congregations of his churches. About seven o'clock the surprisers began to arrive, and before the popular pastor was aware of what the matter could be, his home was literally captured and taken possession of by a host of friends, who came ladened with an abundance of all that was tempting and substantial in an ideally stocked larder. Mrs. Mowbray had a short time before received an intimation of what was to be expected, but the pastor himself, was unconscious of the invasion until the storm actually burst upon his unsuspecting head. Dozens of chickens, vegetables, groceries and an enormous stock of other substantials were left at the parsonage. The friendly besiegers carried with them an abundance of cake, ice cream, etc., and refreshments were served during the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Mowbray being the received, rather than the receivers, in their own home. The evening was delightfully passed in social conversation and innocent games. About 11 o'clock, with many exchanges of expressions of love and confidence, the guests left for their homes, leaving as a parting wish, that their pastor may return to them for another year.

A Negro's Revenge.

A destructive fire occurred on the farm of Mr. William K. Lockwood, near Warwick, Cecil county, on Tuesday of last week, entailing a loss of between $3,000 and $4,000. The flames were first discovered about six o'clock, issuing from the barn. Attempts were made to rescue the stock from the burning building, and 14 horses were saved, but 12 head of graded cows, which had been haltered by chains in their stalls only a short time before the fire was discovered, were left to perish. The barn was stored with 18 tons of hay, farming implements, carriages, wagons, harness, etc., all of which were destroyed.

Several times the roof of the house caught fire, but the neighbors of Mr. Lockwood worked diligently with snow and water, and thus prevented the flames from making any headway.

The granary containing about 1800 bushels of corn, was saved by tearing out one end of the structure.

It is now pretty well established that the fire was the work of an incendiary. The Middletown *Transcript* says: "A few months ago a colored man named George Matthews applied for work on the farm, and it was given him. He was treated well, and given the occasional use of a horse when he wanted it. On Sunday he took a colt and buggy to go to make a call. He did not return until some time Monday morning, and then it was with a broken set of harness and broken buggy, and naturally Mr. Lockwood took him to task for the destruction of his property. This incensed the negro, and out of revenge he applied the torch which in a very short time wiped away the savings of years. He remained about the place until Wednesday evening when he disappeared.

Search was immediately instituted for him, but he has not yet been apprehended. It is said he is the same negro that set fire to Colonel Wooten's buildings about a year ago. The loss will fall heavily upon Mr. Lockwood, as he had no insurance upon either the stock or buildings."

NUPTIAL EVENTS.

Brilliant Matrimonial Happenings in the County.

RUSSELL—SHUSTER.

An unusually pretty wedding was solemnized at Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The contracting parties were Mr. William Frazier Russell and Miss Allie E. Shuster, both of Chestertown. The church was beautifully trimmed by the young lady friends of the bride, a number of whom were intimately associated with her in Sunday school work. In front of and back of the altar were massed graceful palms and magnificent blossoming potted plants and evergreens forming a picturesque and beautiful bower, which received additional beauty from the mellow light of a number of lamps hidden away in the midst of the evergreens. The chandaliers were lighted and heightened the beauty of the general effect. The church was crowded far beyond its seating capacity, and though chairs were placed in the aisles many were forced to stand during the service. At a few minutes past 11 o'clock, as Miss Clara Usilton played Mendelssohns wedding march, the bride, wearing a tailor-made wedding gown of brown broadcloth trimmed with beaver fur, a hat to match and carrying a beautiful bouquet of white roses approached the altar on the arm of the bridegroom preceded by the ushers, Messrs. William Fowler, Thomas D. Bowers, James Shuster, brother of the bride and F. G. Usilton. Miss Usilton rendered a selection on the organ during the ceremony and played aux Flambeaux as the bridal party left the church.

The service of the ring was used, and Rev. D. L. Greenfield performed the ceremony. A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, after which Mr. and Mrs. Russell drove to Price's Station and took the train for a bridal tour. As they left home a perfect shower of rice, intermingled with old shoes followed them. The presents were numerous and beautiful. A happy and prosperous life are the wishes of the TRANSCRIPT for the young couple.

AITKEN—WALL.

No prettier wedding has ever been celebrated at St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church than was that of Mr. Benjamin G. Aitken, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and Miss Lucy Hansford Wall, sister of Mrs. George Bell, of this county, at 10 o'clock on Thursday last, January 26. The natural beauty of the church was rendered more appropriately effective by the addition of profuse decorations of evergreen. Long before the hour for the ceremony a large number of friends had arrived and pleasant expectancy reigned, when at 10 o'clock the approach of the bridal party to the altar was announced by the rendition of the wedding march by Mrs. Thomas G. Skirvin. The bride, wearing a beautiful tailor-made wedding gown of dark green broadcloth, with hat to match trimmed with violets, and carrying a bunch of magnificent roses entered the church on the arm of her brother, Mr. Julian Wall of New York. The bride was preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Laura Jessop, dressed in a handsome tailor-made suit of broadcloth and carrying roses. At the altar the ushers Messrs. Frank Gilpin and Stevenson Constable, who preceded the maid of honor, took position on either side, and the bride was met by the bride-groom accompanied by his best man, Dr. Taylor, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. C. T. Denroche. Mr. Wall, brother of the bride gave her away. Immediately after the ceremony an elegant lunch was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Bell, after which the couple took the afternoon train at Chestertown for a trip north, expecting to return to their future home in Pittsburg on Tuesday. The presents were numerous and beautiful, the groom's present to the bride being a magnificent set of diamond earrings and breastpin.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Mr. William Bradford Copper, cashier of the Second National Bank of Chestertown and Miss Sallie E. Carroll, at Christ Methodist Protestant Church, Chestertown, at 12.30 o'clock, on February 9, 1893. No invitations have been issued in the county.

FROM STILL POND.

A Creamery for Still Pond—A Barn-Burner Thought to be in Kent.

A meeting was held in Kruse's Hall, this village, Saturday last, composed of a number of prominent farmers and business men of Still Pond and Lynch's neighborhoods, the purpose of the meeting being to organize a stock company to build a creamery, to be located at Still Pond or Lynch's. R. T. Turner, Jr., was elected chairman, and Joseph W. Harper, secretary of the meeting. The location of the creamery was discussed, the decision reached to give to the village in which neighborhood the most stock was raised, the creamery, and the other village to have the separator. The limit of the amount of stock to be $3,500, and each share worth $25. A subscription committee of four, composed of George W. Davis and Jos. W. Harper from Still Pond, and J. Ford Caulk and J. C. Roseberry representing Lynch's, was appointed. A general meeting will be held in Still Pond next Saturday, at which the committee on subscriptions will report and the subscribers attend.

Richard Lockwood and Constable Voshell were in our village last week, searching for the darkey, who, it is supposed, set fire to Wm. K. Lockwood's barn, which was burned near Warwick last week. The suspected wretch, it was thought, was traveling towards Still Pond and Lynch's. One hundred and fifty dollars have been offered as a reward for the apprehension of the man.

Yours truly,

Jan. 30, 1893. THE WRITER.

OUR MILLINGTON LETTER.

Points of Personal Interest—Mr. Edward Hurtt Dead.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Protracted meeting began on Sunday night last at the M. E. Church.

The Seventh Day Adventists have rented the town hall for one month, and expect to begin their services here about the fifteenth of February.

Miss. Annie Power left here on Monday morning to take a trip to Florida, for several weeks for her health.

Miss. Julia E. Cacy is spending several weeks with friends in Baltimore.

Miss. Flora Scotten is visiting friends in Easton.

Mr. Edward Hurtt, who has been confined to the house since the fall, died quite suddenly on Monday morning of consumption. Mr. Hurtt was aged about 50 years and had many friends in the county. He was a brother of Mr. Henry Hurtt, of Chestertown.

Quite a good many fine pike have been caught lately by our lovers of this sport. Their mode of catching these fish is to cut holes in the ice and set hooks for them. Millington can now boast of three barber shops having added another to her list about a week ago.

Mrs. Emma Whittington left here Monday morning to take a respousible position in a Baltimore Hospital. S. S.

Church Notes.

At the quarterly conference held at Salem on Saturday, Rev. C. S. York was unanimously requested to return for next conference year. At the suggestion of Presiding Elder Smith, Salem and Zion church, in Morgan's Creek were formed into a circuit.

Rev. W. W. W. Wilson, of Easton, has indicated to his Quarterly Conference his intention to accept an invitation to the pastorate of another church.

The 12th Anniversary day of the Christian Endeavor movement will be observed with interesting services in the lecture room of Christ M. P. Church on Friday evening. Young ladies and gentlemen of the community are specially invited. Christ Church has two Christian Endeavor Societies. The young people's has been in flourishing existence for some months. A Senior society, one of the first, if not the first, in this country, has just been organized. Mr. Willard Melvin is president; Mrs. Barnett, treasurer, and Mr. Coleman, secretary.

At the Quarterly Conference of Bond and Mowbray M. E. Churches, held on Saturday last, the return of Rev. W. R. Mowbray was unanimously asked for. Mr. Mowbray has been at his present charges for four years, and by the five year limit, at the end of the next conference year he must of necessity sever the pleasant relations with the people whom he has so acceptably served. It is most sincerely hoped that Mr. Mowbray will return to his people for a another year.

The return of Rev. J. W. Easley, was unanimously asked for at the recent Quarterly Conference of the Chestertown Methodist Episcopal Church, and it is earnestly desired by the congregation, as well as by many friends not included in the pastor's church membership, that he will return.

The Chestertown M. E. Church has greatly added to the pleasure of the congregation by distributing throughout the body of the church new hymn books and books of the psalms, to be used in the services. Book-holders have also been placed on the back of each pew. This change has greatly added to the beauty of the singing, as after all, the modern choir can never surpass the sacred beauty of the old-time hymns in which every heart in the congregation gave forth its melody in praise to God, rather than have the sacred duty performed by others. The choir is alright, but let the people sing too.

Rev. William B. Gregg, pastor of Wyoming, Delaware, M. E. Church, died Tuesday of last week, aged 67 years. The funeral took place on Friday morning; interment at Odd Fellows' cemetery, Camden. The deceased was born August 7, 1825, at Halifax, Dauphin county, Pa., and was reared in Harrisburg, where his father was a merchant. He was educated at Harrisburg High School and Berlin Seminary, the latter in Somerset county, Pa. He joined Philadelphia M. E. Conference on trial in 1857, and remained therein until 1869, when that conference was divided and Wilmington Conference was formed. He at that time held a Peninsula appointment and in consequence became a member of Wilmington Conference. From 1875-77 he was stationed at Still Pond, and 1877-79, at Sudlersville. He widow and one child, a son, survive him. His death resulted from nervous prostration, with which he had been afflicted several months.

Some reverend gentleman shielding himself behind the *nom de plume* of "Clericus," in a recent issue of the *Peninsula Methodist*, charges that material alterations have been made in certain statistical figures in the minutes of the conference. Rev. W. R. Mowbray, of Pomona, being Statistical secretary, as a matter of course, the thrust could but be made at that gentleman, and that gentleman has answered under his own name, in a manner, while dignified and convincing, must serve as an eternal quelcher for the *nom de plume* "Clericus."

CRUMPTON LETTER.

Pigeon Shooting—the Creamery and Other Live Locals.

EDITORS TRANSCRIPT.—As a gleaner of news we have not much this week to report.

The pigeon shooting at Mr. Thomas Godwin's on Friday last was witnessed by over 100 people. It was a good-natured and friendly contest between Mr. Jerry Godwin, of this place and Mr. Denny, a rich sportsman from New York. Seventy pairs of caged birds were on the wing for life and liberty. Mr. Godwin brought down sixty and Mr. Denny 65. Jerry is regarded as the best shot on the wing in these parts, and we think out of courtesy he allowed the stranger guest to bear off the prize. This, however, he is too modest to claim.

Opossums, one would think, are quite numerous in the vicinity of Crumpton, though hunters caught many in the fall enough are left to be a pest to the town. Mr. Geo. Butler has recently captured two, one in his own and one in Mr. Armstrong's hennery after they had devoured a dozen or more of chickens. The last quite large one, he gave to John Lawrence our colored wood-cutter. We hope "possum gravy and hominy" may not make John sick, though not a citizen he is an indespensible suffix to the town, for many years moving around day by day plying his useful art.

Mr. T. Hamden Massey, new proprietor of the Crumpton creamery seems well pleased with the prospect of a successful business. He is a young man of intelligence, energy, tact and affable manners, and thinks he can compete successfully in prices with creameries around. The farmers in Kent and Queen Anne's in this vicinity will do well for their own interest to encourage and patronize him.

Rev. Mr. Macnichol, formerly of Still Pond now of Sudlersville, jolly as jolly can be, and with as much genuine Irish wit as if he were a sure enough Irishman lately dined with his wife and other invited guests at the hospitable board of Mr. Charles Wall, formerly of Delaware, now near this place. All say they had a grand good time.

Mr. Coke Chambers, commercial traveler, has removed from this place to Dover. BENTLY BARD.

Court News.

Board of county commissioners met on Tuesday, January 31, 1893. Benjamin Durham, keeper of Crumpton bridge, presented his resignation on account of family affliction, which was accepted to take effect this date. Geo. W. Clark's application for keeper of Crumpton bridge, vice Benj. Durham resigned, was considered, and order passed appointing said Clark for the balance of 1893.

Orphans' court met with Judges Harris, Moffett and Burgess present. The last will and testament of James A. Toulson was filed for probate. Wm. M. Slay, administrator of Mary R. Perkins, passed third and final administration account of said deceased. Wm. M. Slay, administrator, d. b. n., of Caroline C. Perkins, passed third and final administration account of said deceased. Court was further engaged in passing sundry accounts and orders.

ROCK HALL ITEMS.

Pithy News Items From the Fifth District—Mr. Wickes' Candidacy.

JAN. 31, 1893.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Business of all kinds being so completely paralyzed by the effect of the cold weather, there is nothing of importance to attract the attention of the people of this place at present.

As soon as we have a thawout, the telephone poles will be placed in position, and then we will have direct communication with your town.

It was a daily sight during the past week, to see 20 or 30 men on the ice cutting out for a mess of oysters. This was a very hard task, however, as the ice at that time was over ten inches thick.

Joe Hawkins, a colored man, about 21 years of age, was committed to the House of Correction for fifteen months last Saturday, by Justice Wilkins. Nine months of his sentence was for stealing merchandise from the store of Robert S. Crew, and six months for having concealed weapons on his person. He had both pistol and billy with him.

We notice that Mr. Samuel J. Wickes is named as one of the probabilities for legislative honors. The time is a good ways off, but I think when the day arrives for a choice in the convention, Mr. Wickes will have the united support of the oystermen of the fifth district. He is a man who has always worked for the best interests of all, never confining himself to any clique or clan to carry through a narrow and selfish purpose. The only authority we have of him being a candidate, is newspaper report, as Mr. Wickes has not personally announced his candidacy to the public here.

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church gave the pastor and his family a pleasant surprise on Saturday evening, January 21. The presents consisted of a barrel of flour and many other things for the inner man. The company dispersed about nine o'clock, after having spent a very pleasant evening. X.

GOLT'S ITEMS.

Two Weddings and a Sad Death.

A wedding took place at Sassafras, Thursday evening, January 19th. The parties married were Wm. Staats and Mrs. Lizzie Clift, and the officiating clergyman was the Rev. Wm. Sheere. The wedding took place in the M. E. Church.

Wedding number two of parties well-known here, Mr. Victor Stradley and Miss Annie Stradley, of near Sassafras, took place on Wednesday evening, January 25, at the M. P. Parsonage in Warwick, the Rev. Mr. Truitt being the officiating minister.

Wm. Streets, formerly of Camden, Del., is visiting John Johnson, near here.

Death has invaded our community and taken from our midst our friend, Joseph Thompson, who died a few minutes past eight o'clock on Tuesday morning, January 24, after nearly two weeks suffering of pneumonia. He was just twenty-one years of age, and a young man of excellent qualities. His early demise is a great blow to his parents, sisters and brothers, who were devoted to him, as well as a large circle of acquaintances who will cherish his memory and mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Friday from the residence of his parents near Golt's, the services being held in the church of this place, which was filled to overflowing by a sorrowing people. Rev. Mr. McKinsey, the pastor of the church, having been by his bed-side almost continuously during his illness, was well able to speak of his death, which he did in a feeling manner, after which he paid a beautiful tribute to his memory, and drew lessons from the sad event for the benefit of the living. The body was laid to rest in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery at Smyrna, Del. The following young men served as pall bearers: Joseph and Manlove Jones, George Hanchfield, Clarence O'neill, Wm. Matthews, Charles Boyles.

BETTERTON ITEMS.

A Dance-Fox Chase and a Novel Race on the Ice.

The dance given at the Chesapeake House last Wednesday evening by the young men of this place, was decidedly a success, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The music was furnished by Prof. R.C. Godwin, of Crumpton, and consisted of four pieces. Refreshments were served in first-class style. Committee on the dance were: Joseph R. Owens, Harry Owens, Walter S. Brice, Robert H. Crew and G. R. Crew.

Quite an exciting fox chase took place on the ice from Betterton to Howell's Point last week. Mr. Fox was crossing the ice here when noticed by Capt. John H. Crew, who promptly started his dogs in chase, but the fox was too cunning, as well as fleet, to be caught.

A novel race on the ice between a cat, a cat-chasing dog and a young gentleman call "sixty," was witnessed by a large crowd here a few days ago. The cat was let down on the ice a half mile from shore, and the dog started in chase followed by "Sixty." The leaders ran swiftly and soon reached shore, but the last named cat lost his wind and was carried in. The wharf has been used as a race track, where trials of speed each day are contested.

Wm. A. Crew has recovered from a recent spell of neuralgia, and is out again.

Miss Pearl Hodges has returned to Baltimore. OLD SALT.

A Pleasant "Y" Meeting.

The monthly "social meeting" of the United "Y" occurred on last Monday evening, Jan. 30. Members and guests, numbering eighty-eight, met in the hall at Fairlee, which had received new decorations for the grand occasion. After the opening exercises Miss Hallie Usilton, chairman of committee on amusements, announced that the next half hour would be devoted to neck-tie making by ladies, and hat-trimming by gentlemen. Partners were determined by similarity in material employed, and soon the scene presented an appearance no less enjoyed by spectators than by participants. At the appointed time each gentleman donned the result of his perplexities, and the lady her neck-tie, and the march began to the judges' stand, where Mrs. A. L. Corey, Mrs. B. F. Legg and Mr. Walter Skirven duly inspected, and awarded the first prize of a thermometer to Mr. Fred. Usilton, junior editor of the *Kent News*, for the most tastefully trimmed ladies' hat, and a toy donkey to Mr. T.E.W. Crew, for his success. It must be conceded, however, that the HEIGHT of fashion was best illustrated by Mr. Harry Willis, and for the benefit of local milliners it was noted that for 1893, bonnets must be worn set well back.

Refreshments, consisting of cream, cake and lemonade were bountifully served. An interesting programme is being prepared for the next meeting, Feb. 6, and an address by Rev. D. L. Greenfield, is expected. The *public cordial y invited*. PARTICIPANT.

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PEACHES GALORE.

The Uncertainties of a Crop Now Interesting Our Farmers—Sales Already Made.

Mr. Edwin M. Garey, on Saturday, contracted to deliver to Mr. George T. Redden, the fruit-packer, all his peaches at fifty cents per basket. Mr. Garey thinks there will be considerable peaches. He, with several others at the *Journal* office Monday, made an examination of buds cut from his trees on Mon