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—Because of the ... ington's College water supply ... off.

—Mr. George S. Biddle has lost three valuable cows since Christmas from various causes.

—The first carload of strawboard from the rebuilt mill at Chestertown, was shipped last week.

—Large numbers of new ties were distributed along portions of the B & D. B. R. R. last week.

—Mr. Barrett C. Catlin, formerly of Chestertown, is studying at the homœopathic medical college, Baltimore.

—Several persons from Kent have attended the Moody and Sankey meetings recently held in Baltimore, and express themselves as being delighted.

—March came in like a lamb and it is most devoutly hoped that she will conduct herself as becomes the "etherial mildness" season, and go out at least quietly.

—Clerk of the circuit court Lemuel Dunbracco, of Queen Anne's, has issued 925 tongers licenses this season. Dr. S. G. Fisher, clerk, has issued 740 to Kent tongers.

—Because of the illness of Miss Josephine Harris, principal of the Kennedyville public school, there has been no exercises in the principal's department for more than three weeks.

—Still Pond is badly in need of a well-digger. A correspondent states that pumps and wells are out of repair, and that Still Pond offers a splendid field for a first class workman.

—Harrison W. Vickers, Esq., is having a shed for the storing of farming implements ten by ninety feet, built on his Carvill property, near Chestertown. Contractor R. K. Pippin is doing the work.

—Anne Arundel oystermen are much incensed, and have filed a protest against the boats of the oyster police force being sent to the assistance of Captain Hyland in Chester river and on Swan Point.

—Governor Brown has appointed W. H. Cecil for a term of six years and W. Harrison Newman for four years, as county commissioners of Queen Anne's county, under chapter 553, section 1, acts of 1892.

—The head was burst out of the large water pipe at Whaland's mill, Chestertown, last week and some interruption to work caused, but the repairs have been made and the mill is now running regularly.

—Look out for a five cent piece of the coinage of 1802, it is worth one hundred dollars, and a silver dollar of 1804 is worth nine hundred dollars. Possibly some of us have been entertaining these angels una wares.

—Dr. J. C. Stites, of Chattanooga, Tenn., has associated himself with Dr. T. H. Gilpin, of Middletown, Del., a brother of Dr. C. P. Gilpin, of Chestertown. Dr. Stites has visited and has many friends in Kent county.

—The family of Mr. William F. Wroth moved from their home on Front street to Still Pond, on Thursday. Mr. Wroth will remain in Chestertown, but during pleasant weather will drive to and from Chestertown each day.

—A special session of the board of county commissioners was held yesterday, to examine the accounts of those tax collectors appointed under the old system, who had not made returns. It is proposed as far as possible to close all old accounts.

—Mr. Valentine Gresham, of Piney Neck, died on Monday last of consumption, aged about 54 years. He was interred at Wesley Chapel at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Gressam was a member of the old Gressam family of that neighborhood.

—Roads on Kent Island are in miserable condition, and Commissioner Frank B. Legg, from that district, has arranged to give the roads to one man, to be worked with a road machine. Says a writer from that section: "Now, this is a step in the right direction."

—Mr. Valentine Everett, in the seventy-eighth year of his age, died at his late residence at the Round Top farm, in Queen-Anne's, at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning. His remains were interred Thursday morning, March 2d, at Crumpton cemetery. A widow and eleven children survive him.

—Kent county was largely represented at the regular monthly meeting of the board of the House of Correction on Thursday. M. deK. Smith and Richard D. Hynson, of the board were present, as also H W. Beck, W. W. Beck and H. M. Brown, of Chestertown.

—Mr. John R. Emory, of Centreville, a brother-in-law of Senator Charles H. Gibson, has received a twelve-hundred dollar clerkship at the World's Fair, Chicago, and has assumed his duties. Mr. Emory was a prominent candidate for the Centreville postmastership.

—Mr. W. O. Shallcross, who at present resides on the Eldridge farm, near Cecilton, will sell his entire stock, etc., on March 30th, he having decided to quit farming, and will return to Kent, his native county. Mr. Shallcross has about twenty exceptionally fine horses, the number containing many excellent drivers.

—The publishers of newspapers and periodicals throughout the State, will be requested to furnish their publications to the Maryland Building at the World's Fair, where they will be put on file as an exhibit and also for the use of Maryland visitors. The TRANSCRIPT will be represented on the journalistic file.

—Messrs. T. R. Hubbard & Son, last week received an order for 3 tons of their now celebrated Fruit Grower phosphate, to be shipped to B. F. Fleming, Fruitdale, Ohio. The station is situated seven miles south of Greenfield. Should the goods prove satisfactory, which they doubtless will, a much larger order will follow.

—Freight landed at Jackson's Creek wharf by the Chester river steamers for Kent Island merchants, has been reshipped to Baltimore and sail vessels have been engaged to freight it to the landing near Stevensville. Kent Island wharf is out of repair, having been damaged by ice, consequently freight can not be landed at that point.

—Harrison W. Vickers, Esq., while on a Pennsylvania railroad train last week, was addressed by name by an official of the train. The gentleman made himself known as George Lewis, son of Mr. James Lewis, of Kent. Mr. Lewis is an official on the train; is in the line of promotion and is doing well. His next step will be into the position of passenger conductor.

—Tomorrow ... Chestertown Public School, ... purpose varying the usual routine somewhat by having, in connection with the reading of the paper, exercises in honor of their mothers. As the children have taken great interest in trying to have their efforts a success, they desire that all who can do so, will be present.

—The steamer B. S. Ford while on her trip from Baltimore to Chestertown on Saturday last, encountered large fields of heavy drift ice in the bay, and was nearly two hours late in reaching Chestertown, and in consequence was more than an hour late in leaving Chestertown with her about thirty passengers for the inauguration. The Ford was once or twice stopped by the ice.

—Marshall William H. Droste, of the Baltimore city police force, was suddenly stricken by nervous prostration in his office at the City Hall, on Friday, and has since been extremely ill. The affable marshall, while a member of the detective force, figured prominently in the trials of Capts. Tawes and Davis, dredgers who were sentenced several years ago in the Kent county court.

—Capt. Hyland, of the police schooner Anna B. Smith, last week arrested Capt. J. Patience, of the schooner Susie Wayman, and Capt. Bartlett Kane for illegal dredging in Chester river and on Swan Point. They were each held in $250 bail for court. Capt. Stanley Bryan, of the Frolic, captured in Eastern bay Captains Webster, Henson, Gibson and John Mister, each of whom was fined $25 and costs by Justice Phillips, of Kent Island.

—Orphans' Court, present Judges Harris, Moffett, and Burgess. Letters of administration on the personal estate of Henry Graves, were granted to William Graves, and Victor Hendrickson and Enoch N. Rowland were appointed to appraise said estate. Sarah A. Hurlock was appointed guardian to Author C., Warren C., Mary B., Frank A., Harry D., Addie S., Gaylord V. and Eva P. Hurlock.

—The large mud machine Republic of Philadelphia was towed up Chester river yesterday morning and is at work at Kirby's landing above Crumpton. The captain states that he has about thirty thousand yards to cut out between Kirby's and the mouth of Millington creek. Just where Millington creek commences we are unable to say. Much of the dredging is in hard gravel and sand, and the work will require about five weeks. The dredging is filling out the old contract of last year.

—By instructions of the Postmaster General, Postmaster Hiram Brown, of Chestertown, kept an accurate daily account of all mail received at and departing from his office for one month, commencing with January 30, and ending March 4, inclusive. The total amount received was 7521 pounds; the greatest amount received on any one day being 356 pounds on Jan. 31. The total amount of mail matter despatched was 4818 pounds, the greatest amount sent out on any one day being 496 pounds on Jan. 25. The smallest amount received was 187 pounds on January 14 and 27, the smallest amount sent out was 8 pounds, on January 5. The total amount handled was 12339 pounds, or 6 tons and 339 pounds. Saturday is the busy day in postoffice work.

—The people of Rock Hall are most anxious to have their town cheered up on Sundays by the sweet tones of a church bell. The members of St. John's Church are now making strenuous efforts in this direction and the liberal help of the people are earnestly asked. Under the special directions of Mr. L. R. Shewell, formerly a theatre manager in Boston who will take charge of the dramatic parts, and assisted by Mr. Eugene Willson who will present an array of minstrels and musical selections there promises to be an entertainment of rare merit and enjoyment. The date is not yet fixed, but will be as soon after the Easter holidays as possible. The proceeds are to be used solely for the purchase of a large bell for the church. A most liberal patronage is expected.

—Mr. Henry Hurtt, together with several friends, has purchased of Mr. F. M. Goldsborough, of Easton, the beautiful little steam pleasure launch Beulah. The boat was brought to Chestertown by rail and is now being thoroughly overhauled preparatory to being launched as soon as spring opens. The Beulah is twenty-five feet long, is of beautiful model and will be able to show a speed of at least and probably over ten miles an hour, and will carry with perfect comfort twelve or fourteen persons. Amos B. Kelley states that her lines are unusually fine both for speed and beauty. She was originally equipped with an oil engine, but Mr. Hurtt will put in a coal engine of the most improved pattern, of about two and one-half-horse-power. The graceful little craft will be painted white and red and her deck and trimmings will be in oak. A complete set of life preservers, lanterns, oars, boat-hook, axe, etc., are with the boat and it is evident that Mr. Hurtt will have one of the most beautiful little pleasure crafts ever owned in Chestertown. Mr. Hurtt has written to the authorities with a view to changing the boat's name. She was formerly registered, "The Beulah, of Cambridge."

Work in the Schools.

The following splendid averages were made by the pupils of Broad Neck public school, Miss Etta Kelley, teacher, during February:

Minnie Startt, 100; Sophia Wallis, 100; Ella McClosky, 100; Howard Hadaway, 97¼; Maggie Bennett, 92½; Daisy Hadaway, 92½; Minnie Taylor, 95¼; Fora Taylor, 91⅔; Ozmon Vickers, 86; James Smith, 83⅔; Thomas Vickers, 83⅓; Joseph Stoops, 84; Howard Stoops, 84; Sadie Hadaway, 83; Charles Rollison, 81; Albert Boone, 81; Lankford Vickers, 74⅔; Harry Boone, 80⅔; Louis McCloskey, 71⅔; Lida Rollison, 87; Lizzie Sanders, 92; Nealia Wallis, 85; Arlington Leary, 85; Grover Hadaway, 80; Vickers Kilbourne, 82; Elmer Hague, 81; Harry Wallis, 70; Ernest Bennett, 70.

The following are the averages made by the pupils of Quaker Neck public school, No. 7, Miss Bertha Miller, teacher: Sixth Grade—Elizabeth Brown, 96; Alverdie Hadaway, 95; Gustavus Startt, 92; Mason Startt, 83. Fifth Grade—Nora Goodman, 98; Lilly Hadaway, 89; Margaret Strattou, 86. Fourth Grade, Genevieve Brown, 94; Harry Goodman, 78. Second Grade—Frank Goodman, 96; Nettie Brown, 91; Lucy Shriver, 90. First Grade, Maud Brown, 90; Wilmer Brown, 88, Hallie Brown, 88.

Mr. William Hanson Hodges, of Baltimore, entertained a number of his Chestertown friends at a delightful dinner on Friday of last week. The menu was a most elegant combination of all that was fetching and tempting. Plates were laid for twelve, and at each place was a charming boutonniere of violets. Mr. Hiram M. Brown, a judge of such matters pronounced it a perfectly set gem, and the selection of dinners. Those present from town were: Dr. C. P. Gilpin, H. M. Brown, W. Beck, W. W. Beck and Lewin W. Wickes.

Church Notes.

Lenten Services at Rock Hall on Sunday next will be held in St. John's Church at 10.30 A. M., consisting of *Stations of the Cross*, Mass and sermon. Sunday School immediately after the morning service. Evening services at 7 P. M., with special Lenten sermon. Mass on Monday following at 8.30 A. M.

At a meeting of the standing committee of the Diocese of Easton, Rev. Oliver H. Murphy, of Somerset county, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Barber, and Rev. James A. Mitchell, of Centreville, elected president, vacant on account of the death of Dr. Barber, and Rev. William Schouler, of Elkton, elected secretary in place of Mr. Mitchell.

Bishop Adams of the Diocese of Easton will make his visitations to Masseys on next Wednesday the 17th inst.; Chestertown, Emmanuel Church, Friday night the 17th inst.; St. Paul's, Sunday morning, the 19th inst.; I. U. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Emmanuel Church Chestertown, Sunday night.

President J. D. Kinzer, of the Maryland Annual Conference preached an excellent sermon at Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown, on Sunday morning, and preached again at Wesley Chapel at night.

A most enjoyable conversation and supper was given by the United "Ys" at Fairlee on Monday evening.

The Wilmington Annual Conference will convene at Middletown, Del., on Wednesday next, March 15.

THE W. C. T. U.

Miss Yates' Eloquent Appeal in Chestertown.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Kent county held a convention in Chestertown on Friday, March 3d. The afternoon session was a business meeting at which plans of work was discussed and reports from the local unions were received. The members present were encouraged by the proceedings which included various suggestions as to the future as well as information in regard to what has been recently accomplished by the organization. In the evening an attentive audience in the M. E. Church heard a carefully prepared and well rendered essay from Miss Annie Roeder, of Still Pond, and a fine lecture from Miss Yates, of Maine. The subject the speaker selected was "The Modern Hercules," and her listeners were impressed anew with the magnitude of the liquor traffic, and were implored to make an earnest effort toward banishing it from the earth. She spoke of the law in her own state, affirming that much was said of it which has no foundation in fact, as the difference between the condition of its counties, every one of which she has visited, and those of states in which liquor dealers are licensed is an unanswerable argument to her mind in out-lawing the sale of intoxicants. Mrs. Corey, who presided, announced the motto of the year, which is, "I am only one but I *am* one. I can not do every thing, but I *can* do something. What I *can* do I *ought* to do, and what I *ought* to do by the help of God I *will* do."

On Sunday Miss Yates spoke in the Sabbath school of the M. P. Church and in the evening occupied Mr. Easley's pulpit. The lesson she sought to teach was the relation in which temperance and Prohibition stand to personal religion. Appropriate music was furnished by the choir of the churches, which added greatly to the interest of the meetings which were well attended considering the condision of the roads. Rev. Mr. Easley introduced Miss Yates as the "silver-tongued," and he never spake in greater truth. Miss Yates is a young lady of more than usual beauty, is graceful, a fluent speaker and a conservative and deep reasoner. She completely fascinated her audiences and her discourses were delightful treats to all who heard them. No ranting, no bitter vituperation marked her talks, but deep conviction, unceasing research, beautiful charity and a noble sympathy with the whiskey-blighted manhood and womanhood of every land rendered charming and effective her words.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF KENT CO. WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Madam President:—I have very little from which to make a report, but so far as I have heard, the Unions have met occasionally through the winter, the severity of the weather preventing many from regular attendance. Kennedyville Union reports a jubilee held in October, church filled; an interesting programme rendered; nine new members received. The "Loyal Legion," numbering fifty-two members, gave an entertainment on Feb. 22d. Children enthusiastic and parents interested. Rock Hall has a flourishing Loyal Legion. The indefatigable Y's and their leaders have braved many storms, and sustained their reputation as the coming power in temperance reform.

Mrs. Hunt's pamphlet, urging more thorough work in "scientific instruction," has been generally distributed. Results not yet known.

Will the presidents of the Unions please see that the "Quarterly Temperance Lesson" is placed in the Sunday schools with which they are connected on March 19th, by request of the Superintendent of Sunday school work. I would also like to call attention to the article by Mrs. Baldwin in the February number of our State paper giving her impressions of the "Thompson Gold Cure."

From Kennedyville.

MESSRS COLLINS AND HOPPER:—The larger scholars have had quite a vacation on account of their teacher, Miss Josephine Harris being sick.

Mrs. Shafer spent several days last week with her parents in Baltimore.

Messrs Ireland, Kennedy, Shafer, Crow, Justis and Archibald left Friday for Washington, by way of boat from Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Shafer returned Saturday night, and on their way from Chestertown got stuck in a snow bank near Mr. Biddle's and had to abandon their carriage; walked to Mr. B's where they stayed until daylight and got home about 9 o'clock.

Miss Eva Busick is on the sick list.

Some of the roads leading into the village were blocked with snow Sunday, but have since been dug out.

The train was about an hour late Monday morning owing to some of the cuts being full of snow.

While Harry Faulkner was moving his engine Tuesday, part of the steering gear broke and caused him quite a delay.

NERO.

TOLCHESTER NOTES.

Work Soon to Commence on the New Wharf.

EDITORS TRANSCRIPT:—Spring has not yet appeared, but the fishermen have, and the blue smoke can now be seen from his cabin along our shores. Quite a number will set stakes in the bay this week.

We hear that our neighbors at Gresham Hall are soon to be housed in a new dwelling, and one of our enterprising contractors from Kent will likely get the job of erecting the building.

The continued bad weather has kept the wharf builder with his pile driver, away from Tolchester and up to the present time very little towards rebuilding has been done. Mr. Eliason and wharf-builder, William Glenn are expected over this week and work will be started at once, and it is now expected to have a boat running by the last of the month.

We hear of a move, or desire of a large part of the congregation of Salem, to unite with Rock Hall the coming conference year. The wisdom of this move can be readily seen. While the distance from one charge to the other is no further than that between many others, it will make a strong appointment, or in other words, a salary of eight hundred dollars and a good parsonage to which Salem already lays a small claim.

Haps.

OVERTON NEWS.

A Beautiful Tribute to Mrs. Harris—the Spring Outlook.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Seldom has a community been more deeply moved than was ours by the recent death of Mrs. Alexander Harris. Her death was unexpected, and followed speedily what were thought to be encouraging symptoms of improvement. This awakened hope was soon lost however, in the deep gloom and shadows of death, and hearts were left to mourn the loss of a treasure they so highly prized. One so dearly loved at home, lived beloved by others; and as she lived beloved she died lamented. Her memory survives and will be fondly cherished; her goodnes goes not down to the grave with the frail body, but is embalmed in the effectionate remembrance of the hearts that knew her and prized her pure and noble life. This will be an abiding monument and witness of her worth. "They are not lost who leave us for the calm of Heaven."

The recent spring-like weather has awakened this section from its winter slumber, the river now presents a very busy scene and the oystermen are working hard to make up for lost time. There is much talk of petitioning the next Legislature to put on the 15 days in September, taken off by the last Legislature. The oystermen have had a very hard season, and had the fifteen days in September been allowed they would have fared better.

Capt. Thomas Hyland, of the police schooner Anna B. Smith has had his hands full since he has had command. He says the dredgers split up in two fleets, one working on Love Point and the other on the line of Swan Point, and as he cannot tell from the anchorage at Love Point he has to be right on the line of Swan Point. The police schooner May Brown has been assisting him, when not the Brown, the police steamer. He says the dredgers have made very little money and are pushed to desperation. Some have had oysters in so long trying to get a load, that the oysters first caught spoiled and had to be thrown overboard. The captain wishes to say that the report that three dredgers worked on Piney Point several nights ago is a mistake, the three boats were grain vessels bound for Baltimore. We think Capt. Hyland is trying to do his whole duty. Sometimes the dredgers come in the river to anchor, but the police schooner can always be seen in the midst of them.

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MILLINGTON ITEMS.

Sudden Death of Stephen M. Thomas—Local and Personal Matters.

MILLINGTON, MD., MARCH 7, 1893.

At 9.45 o'clock Friday morning, March 3d, death with his icy hands again came into our midst and claimed for his victim one of our most highly esteemed and popular citizens, Mr. Stephen M. Thomas, from the effects of a paralletic stroke. This was the second stroke Mr. Thomas had, receiving the first last October, which kept him in his room about three weeks, and since that time he has seemed to improve steadily in health until Thursday night about half past nine o'clock, when going from Mr. H. S. Cook's store to his home, he complained of not feeling able to walk: with assistance he was gotten in his room, and notwithstanding the untiring and anxious efforts of his physician, Dr. W. M. Pippin, nothing could be done to avert the sad and much lamented fatal termination. Mr. Thomas was in his 57th year. He never married, and for a great number of years made his home with his niece, Mrs. Dr. W. M. Pippin. He had the agency for a large number of properties in and around Millington, and would do a kind act for any one whenever it was in his power. He leaves four brothers and one sister, all of whom live in Philadelphia. His funeral took place Monday afternoon at two o'clock from his late residence, and despite the inclement weather, was largely attended. Interment in Millington cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Enoch J. Moffett, Joseph Mallalieu, Henry Tonkin, H. C. Hendrickson, John P. Ahern and H. S. Cook.

Mr. Robert H. Barnes and bride, of Price's Station, Queen Anne's county, who have been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Wm. Barnes, near town, after an extended bridal tour, left for their future home, Price's Station, Tuesday evening, where Mr. Barnes is agent and operator for the P., W. & B. R. R. Company.

Messrs. Henry, William, James and Perry Thomas, and Mrs. Henry Poole, attended the funeral of their brother, Mr. S. M. Thomas.

Mr W. F. Collins, who left here on Friday morning for Washington, D. C., to witness the inauguration of President Grover Cleveland, returned home Monday evening, and says that notwithstanding the storm that prevailed there all day Saturday, the crowd was as large as he ever saw at a presidential inauguration. He reports having had a pleasant trip.

It is reported that one of our young ladies left home last week telling her parents she was going to visit her relatives on the Western Shore, but before arriving there was met by her gallant young lover, and finding a minister, they were married, and are now spending their honeymoon.

Miss Nannie Britton is visiting friends and relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Nannie Crane spent several days last week with friends at Massey's.

Owing to the condition of the roads last Thursday, Mr. Thomas M. Britton, our efficient undertaker, was obliged to drive four horses to his hearse to bury Mr. Valentine Everett, near Round Top, Queen Anne's county.

Mr. Charles Comegys, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with his father, Dr. N. Comegys, on Cypress street.

Miss Nannie Pardee, of Sudlersville, is visiting Miss Vic Power.

Miss Maud Pullen, of Church Hill, and Miss Lillian West, of Baltimore, spent Thursday and Friday, guests of Mrs. John P. Ahern.

Mr. Frank A. Emory, of Centreville, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. A. E. Crane, last week.

Mr. James T. Britton, while fishing in Spear's mill pond Friday, caught a fine pike that weighed nearly four pounds, and measured 24 inches in length.

Mr. John C. Turner, our obliging postmaster, informs us that he has handled twenty-eight hundred pounds of mail matter in the last thirty days ending March 2d.

Thomas A. Mallalieu, formerly with the Centreville Observer, and of late employed as a compositor in one of the largest publishing houses in New York, has resigned his position, and left here last Wednesday morning to accept a lucrative position in Baltimore.

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FROM BETTERTON.

The Rapid Growth of the Picturesque Resort.

BETTERTON, MD., March 7, 1893.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—With the advent of spring the spirit of improvement and enterprise which has within the past few years done so much for Betterton-by-the-Chesapeake will recommence, and before next fall, many marked changes will have been made.

Considerable building and general improvements will be done here this spring, in fact our picturesque little village by the beautiful Chesapeake is beginning to boom. During the past few years a number of neat cottages have been built; an important addition was also made to our school house; last fall a modern little church was erected by the M. E. congregation, and commencing with 1893, several houses and hotels will further adorn our growing and very popular little town and summer resort. Mrs. Wilmer has already commenced a large and roomy cottage or hotel, situated a couple or three hundred yards from the bay, and commanding a broad view of the Chesapeake; G. W. Owens, with a large force of men, is pushing the work along, and has already the house enclosed. James T. Crew, who recently purchased the Betterton House property, contemplates rebuilding the hotel in April, and will make great improvements in its appearance. Mr. Crew intends to raise the house another story, in fact, will almost completely rebuild and equip it with all modern conveniences necessary in a first-class hotel. It is said that Stavely & Bowers will do the work. Capt. Geo. W. Moore will also build a comfortable and attractive house, and has one of the prettiest sites for a house on the bay. His land is situated on high ground to the west of the wharf, adjoining the lands of the Chesapeake House and the bluff over looking the shore and beautiful broad water of the bay and tributary rivers. The location on which he expects to erect his beautiful cottage, is an ideal spot, and will be surrounded with all that is romantic and thrilling. He and his family will here enjoy the sea breezes and lovely views, see the passing steamers and sail boats, and when in years to come, the captain will have given up his boats and is enjoying home, he will not be robbed of the water's fascination, but can sit and dream, and his mind be rested with the waves and their familiar sounds. Last but not least is the many improvements and touches at the Chesapeake House. Capt. Harvey Brice, the new proprietor, has earnestly commenced work in making numerous changes, and when the many friends of this popular hotel return next summer, the place will agreeably surprise them in its new and convenient changes. The Chesapeake House is situated immediately on the water, which is a drawing card with the frequenters of Betterton in the summer. Another great attraction is the spring of most excellent and refreshing water, found near the shore, under one of the high banks. This spring is becoming somewhat famous among people who have visited the place. Every year brings to our hotels a great number of people, and with the new improvements and facilities, Betterton promises to be well patronized during the summer of 1893.

Capt. and Mrs. Geo. W. Moore are visiting friends in Harford county.

Mrs. Wilmer and Mrs. Annie Harrison have been spending a few days in Baltimore.

Louis Lambson, with the Stewart Fruit Company of Baltimore, spent Sunday and Monday at home.

Geo. W. Davis, president of the creamery company, has appointed the following committees, which are working up the interests of the creamery as rapidly as possible: building committee, E. M. Bonwill, R. T. Turner, Jr., and Harry Davis. Road committee, C. H. Price, Joseph W. Harper and Robt. A. Bowers.

It is expected that the creamery will be completed and in running order by May 1.

While sculling in the ice for ducks last week, Thomas J. Lockard and Will Sykes, to their surprise found that the ice had shut off all communications with Betterton, and in order to reach Grove Point shore, the only refuge, a field of ice had to be crossed a distance of nearly five hundred yards. The boat was gotten on the ice and with Will Sykes at the bow and Mr. Lockard pushing, the shore was reached, but not until young Sykes had broken in to his neck several times. As soon as the shore was reached a fire was made, the gunners being too cold at the time to reach a shanty a few hundred yards away. The people of Betterton had noticed the ice closing in and had by this time become quite anxious for the castaways. Shortly after, however smoke was seen coming from the shanty, the abode of Robinson Crusoe and his man Friday for the next few days. Food was very scarce, but the men managed to exist, with the aid of their pipes and some good tobacco. Eight ducks were shot, which helped to cheer the weary gunners. Home was reached safely and that one experience was sufficient.

The Ericsson boats stopped on Monday night and since the ice has nearly all disappeared in the bay, perhaps we may look for the steamers to make their regular trips this week.

James T. Brice, Capt. Geo. W. Moore, Horace F. Brice, James T. Crew and J. S. Owens attended the inauguration of President Cleveland on the 4th. From certain reports the party had a huge time and some very queer things were done. None of the party are disposed to talk, although a disinterested party gave some facts not to be doubted. None of the party know whether President Cleveland drove white or black horses, although all claim to have seen the President. Very queer indeed.

On account of heavy ice in Sassafras river, Captain Cundiff has been unable to start the steamer Sasssafras, but expects to make his regular trips this week ice permitting.

OLD SALT.

GLEANINGS FROM ROCK HALL.

The deep water fishermen are not doing much. Some are catching a few perch but rock are scarce.

The oystermen are cut off from work this winter more than they have been for many seasons. The ice and high winds have cut their income short and if the bars are leased it will be worse still.

I guess we will have a telephone connection with Chestertown in a short time. The poles are all hawled along the line, and the work of putting them up commenced to-day and will be completed in about two weeks with good weather.

Dr. A. P. Sharp has moved to Baltimore for a short time on business matters, but will return in time to witness the erection of the new town.

The residence and surroundings of Mr. J. E. Beck, on the road to Deep Landing, shows very different from what it did when first built. He has cut the trees off of a large lot and is now having it put in shape for tillage, but has retained a grove to the west of his house.

An electric railway has been recommended for the lower part of the county; let us have something to give employment and create a boom. What would benefit us to any extent would be of benefit to the whole county; it would give more taxable property to bear the expenses of the court, jail, etc.

SELDOM.

A THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

Captain Cecil R. Atkinson Afloat on the Ice in the Chesapeake.

CAPT JAMES S. HILL DROWNED.

More than two hours on a piece of ice at night in the Chesapeake bay during a blinding snow-storm, was the experience of Capt. Cecil R. Atkinson, living about one and a half miles from Chestertown, on Saturday morning last. Captain James S. Hill, of Hayden's Station, Queen Anne's county, lost his life in the bay, and the 42-ton schooner, Wish-ton-wish, with a cargo of 34 tons of phosphate in bulk, consigned to Beck & Walker, Chestertown, is now at the bottom of the Chesapeake. Captain Atkinson gives a most thrilling account of his fearful experience. The captain said to our representative: Capt. James S. Hill and myself on the schooner Wish-ton-wish, left Baltimore about one o'clock P.M. Friday, with a cargo of 34 tons of phosphate in bulk, for Beck & Walker, Chestertown. The wind was light, and by 12 o'clock we had only made Seven Foot Knoll Light, at the mouth of the Patapsco. The moon was up and shone with a misty light. We had seen no ice at all. About 1.30 o'clock Friday morning, we struck ice with great force, and the boat brought up standing. A blinding snow squall had come up and a brisk wind was blowing, and the boat was moving at five or six miles an hour. Captain Hill at first said "We must be on Love Point bar." We both went forward and got out on the ice to examine, to see if any damage had been done. I ran my hand down below the water-line between the boat and the ice, but could find no evidence of injury to the boat. I then took the wheel and the captain went below for a rest, and was to come up again when it cleared away or at daylight. I busied myself about the deck to keep awake. In about fifteen minutes I heard water gurgling, and at once tried the pump, but there was no evidence of a leak. Water was, however, discovered coming in the cabin. I called the captain and told him to get to the pump, that the vessel was leaking, but in a minute discovered that matters were serious and told him to get his clothes as quickly as possible, that we must take to the yawl. I tried the davy falls to let down the small boat, but they were frozen. I told the captain to give me his knife to cut them loose, but before he could get it out the vessel was plunging down in the bow, and in another moment the Wish-ton-wish, with a heavy lurch went down. We both made a spring toward the ice and to keep from being drawn under in the eddy created by the sinking boat. The ice was about 100 feet away. When the boat shot under, bow first, the oars and a lot of loose articles floated off, and both of us grabbed an oar. I swam past the water-barrel, and after breaking the edges of the large floe for 12 or 15 feet in my efforts to get on it, I scrambled on the large cake of drift ice. Captain Hill tried the ice just at one side of where I broke it, and the large cake gave way with him. He scrambled on this cake, which only floated him when lying on his stomach, with several inches of water over its surface. We both let go our oar in getting on the ice, and I jumped over and secured mine, and tried to reach it to Hill to draw him to the large body of the ice. The captain was paddling with both hands and feet, and trying to get near me, but the cake broke and he went down. He came up and tried manfully to reach the stronger ice through the broken cakes, but was evidently getting weak. I encouraged him in every possible way, telling him to hold out and we would be all right. But he was discouraged, and while in the water, said it was of no use, that we would only freeze on the ice, and had just as well give up then. With the ice breaking under me I tried to reach him my oar and begged him to try to take it, but in an instant, and without a word he went down. I watched and called to him, and expected him to rise, but he never came to the surface. He was in the water about five minutes before going down the last time.

I went back on the ice and while standing on my faithful oar, in the face of the blinding snow-storm undressed and wrung my clothes out, I ran in a circle to keep from becoming numb from cold, and as the ice would give way I would move from place to place. The waves were breaking up the field of ice, and several times I was forced to swim from a broken cake to the larger body of the floe. The body of drift ice was about one mile long, one half mile wide and from two to four and a half inches thick, and I supposed that it had drifted out of Swan Creek. About five o'clock I saw the pole-light of a tug and in a few minutes she was stopped by the ice about 100 yards from me. I called out and as the machinery was stopped the captain heard me and asked where the vessel was, thinking that the boat was caught and I was on the ice and wanted a tow. I told him the vessel was sunk and that I was cast away on the ice. I then tried to go to the tug but the ice was weak and several times one foot went through. Just as I reached the tug I went through the ice and the men threw me a line and I was drawn on board after an experience which I can never forget. The tug steamed around but could find no signs of the sunken boat, which I suppose lies about five miles from Love Point out in the bay. I was taken down the bay by my new-made friends on the tug and was brought up to Baltimore on Sunday afternoon and was treated most kindly on the Chester river steamer B. S. Ford where I stayed until Monday when I came home. I suffered but little from the cold, but feel somewhat the worse for the ordeal through which I have passed."

Captain Atkinson looked haggard and pale from exposure, and limped somewhat from a slight injury to his hip. The vessel was owned jointly by Captain Hill and Atkinson. The loss of the cargo, valued at about $400 dollars will fall upon Beck & Walker.

Captain James S. Hill, was the only son of George W. Hill, the well-known Master of Hounds of the Rose Tree Club, Media, Pa. About eight years ago he married Miss Lillie Pusey, a daughter of the late Joseph M. Pusey, of the wealthy and extensive manufacturing firm of machinery, Pusey & Jones, of Wilmington, Del. Mr. Hill since his marriage has lived near Hayden's station, Queen Anne's county. He was a personal friend at the home of Mr. Atkinson, near Chestertown.

Mr. Jacob Pusey, brother of the wife of Capt. Hill was in Chestertown on Tuesday and drove to Centreville, from which point he took the steamer to Baltimore for the purpose of instituting a thorough search for the body of the drowned man.

Mrs. Hill was prostrated with grief at the untimely loss of her husband. Captain Hill had about $260 on his person at the time of the drowning.

FROM STILL POND.

Prosperity and Energy Among the Citizens of the Garden Spot of Kent.

The Sunday school of the M. E. Church will hold their missionary anniversary next Sunday night, which will be, as usual, interesting, but particularly so this year, since Mr. M. Totaka, a Japanese student of Johns Hopkin's University, will make the principal address of the evening. Rev. J. D. Kemp, it is stated, has also arranged to have Mr. Totaka occupy the pulpit at the morning services. Mr. Geo. W. Harper, the superintendent, has the programme in charge.

Mrs. Angie Rasin has made arrangements to have her Sunday school class give an entertainment in the Still Pond hall next Saturday night, the proceeds to go toward the mission fund. Miss Rasin gave a similar entertainment last year, and was very successful. We feel safe in saying to all who think of attending, that they will be pleased and highly entertained.

The Still Pond creamery company have already received an order from Baltimore for fifty pounds of butter. A little too early yet, but about May the first let the orders come.

A. Levine, the jeweler, has left us for a position in Baltimore. Mr. Levine was a good workman, giving universal satisfaction. It is to be regretted, business did not justify his remaining here.

The Knights of Pythias will hold a banquet next Friday evening in the Still Pond hall in celebration of their first anniversary. The lodge was organized last year on the tenth of March, and is to-day one of the best, although not one of the largest orders in the state. Yours truly,

March 6, 1893. THE WRITER.

CHESTERVILLE ITEMS.

Bits of News From Our Neighbors.

CHESTERVILLE, MD., Mar. 7, 1893.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—As our village is seldom heard from, and thinking that a few items would be kindly received I send the following:

Rev. Addison Weller and wife have returned from a trip to Washington and Hyattsville, accompanied by their son and daughter, Mr. Ed. Weller, of Cincinatti, Ohio, and Miss Katie, of Owings Mills, Baltimore county.

Our pastor will attend conference on the 25th of this month at Front Royal, Va. We would be glad to have him sent back to this appointment.

Miss Sophie Miller and her sister Bertie, who were at home the past week on a visit, have returned to their schools.

Mr. Thomas Clements, who has been quite sick is convalescing, and will soon be out again.

Mr. William H. Bonwill has been on the sick list for several days and is still confined to the house.

We were sorry to hear of the death of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burris, of this place, which occurred last week, aged about six months. They have the sympathy of the entire community.

Miss B. Estelle Jarman has returned home after spending a very pleasant week with friends at Still Pond.

Mr. William Lusby is also confined to the house, but is improving slowly.

We have heard a slight rumor that the Seventh Day Adventists expect to visit this village after they have finished their labors at Millington. Whether they will do any good or not remains to be seen. Their meetings have been well attended at the above town.

Miss Lulu Bonwill, of near Still Pond, spent a few days in this neighborhood the guest of friends.

Earl, the eldest son of Mr. Samuel Coppage, who has been a great sufferer with spine trouble, is no better at this writing.

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FROM CRUMPTON.

Bently Bard's Newly Budget from up the River.

EDITORS. TRANSCRIPT:—Mrs. Bostwick, who it is said had lived longer in Crumpton than any other resident, died last Thursdry evening, aged forty-nine. She was an active worker in the Sunday school, a worthy member of the M. E. Church, and of good report to them that are without. Her death and funeral occurred just one week later, almost to the hour than that of Mrs. Emma Tracey. Both died of the same disease, pneumonia.

Mr. George E. Harrison and son John are in Baltimore.

No one from this place or immediate neighborhood, so far as we know, attended the inauguration of President Cleveland. Patriotic flags were waving in the snow all day long on Saturday from the Clements store and dwelling.

Mr. Carville who has been on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Swartz, returned to his home on Kent Island last Monday.

The social dance at the house of Mr. Thomas Godwin last Friday night was attended by at least sixty persons, most of whom remained until five o'clock in the morning. There must have been at least thirty horses brought into requisition, every one of which found not only feed and fodder but comfortable shelter.

Rev. Mr. Merritt started for his preaching service at the Union M.E. Church near Worton on Sunday, but was compelled to return on account of snow drifts in the way. His congregation perhaps will take the will for the deed.

In our school examination, February 13, Mr. R. A. Rowlerson, principal, and Miss Gussie Godwin, assistant, there were thirty-one promotions as follows: Ethel Clements, Ethel Ryland, Maud