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LOCAL MATTERS.

Dogs Versus Sheep.—As a gentle reminder to the present Legislature that the dog *versus* sheep question remains unsolved, dogs attacked the flock of fine sheep of Mr. Harry Willis, near Nicholson's Station, last week, and killed six.

A Nut for the C. C. C.'s to Crack.—Three bicyclists start from the same point to ride around a track. One A. makes the circuit in 2 m. and 30 sec.; B. in 2 m. and 40 sec., and C. in 3 m. and 12 sec. In what time will all three be together again at the beginning point?

C. C. C. Officers Elected.—On Tuesday evening, the Chestertown Cycle Club elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Harry Rickey, president; Clinton W. Wroth, vice-president; Wm. M. Culp, secretary; Fred G. Usilton, treasurer; Wm. Walter Chapman, Captain; D. Arthur Bacchus, 1st. lieut.; Sereck Shallcross, 2d. lieut.; Alwyn M. Culp, Bugler; Harry Hodgkins, color bearer; Colin F. Stam, Surgeon.

Prize Pigs.—It was stated in last week's TRANSCRIPT that Mr. L. W. Ford, of Still Pond, had shipped 11 six-months-old pigs to Mr. W. P. Ireland, Philadelphia, and received a check for $55.32. Mr. John D. Burris, near Hopewell, now comes in to contest honors, having shipped 8 pigs, the offspring of one sow, from which he realized $25.50. The pigs were only ten weeks old. J. H. Coulborn, of Philadelphia, made the sale. Mr. B.'s sow also gave birth to 11 pigs, three of which he reserved.

Fannie D. Bramble Dead.—Mrs. Fannie D. Bramble, wife of Mr. J. Edward Bramble, died at her home, near Chestertown, on Friday last, aged thirty-five years, after a lingering illness. The high esteem in which the deceased was held by a large circle of friends, was attested by the unusually large attendance at the funeral services, forty teams being in the procession. Mrs. Bramble was a sister of Mr. John C. Davis, of Pomona. After services in Bond M. E. Church, conducted by Rev. T. B. Cooper, the remains were laid to rest in Chester cemetery.

Flags at Half-Mast.—Flags were half-masted on Monday on the steamers of the Tolchester Company, in respect to the memory of Mr. Henry Clayton, a director in the company, who died suddenly Saturday night at the Academy of Music. Mr. Clayton was president of the Middletown, Delaware, National Bank, and was with Mr. J. M. Naudain, of the Tolchester Company, at the time he was stricken, and died in the lobby of the Academy of Music. While in Baltimore he was visiting his relatives, Capt. W. C. Eliason, president of the Tolchester Company, and Mr. John M. Naudain. The body was taken on Sunday night to Middletown, being accompanied by Captain and Mrs. Eliason.

To Boom Queenstown.—The Queenstown Land and Improvement Company was incorporated in Baltimore on Monday, by George A. Salter, Edward Stabler, Jr., Frank Ehlen, J. Henry Baker and John F. Williams. The object of the corporation is to deal in real estate, lumber and agricultural products. The capital stock is $50,000. The company proposes to operate in Baltimore, the counties of the Eastern Shore and Delaware. The land company will act independently of the Queen Anne's Railroad Company, of which Mr. W. H. Bosley is president. The company will devote its first efforts to the development of Queenstown and surrounding property. It is proposed, among other projects, to develop Queenstown into an excursion resort. Cottages for occupancy of city residents may be constructed. Along the line of the Queen Anne's Road, which is already under construction, is a large amount of oak and pine timber, which will be cut, sawed and then hauled to market.

Peninsula Horticultural Society.—The annual meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society convened at Denton yesterday and will adjourn to-morrow evening. Among the members who will participate in the interesting programme, Kent county will be represented by some of her most intelligent and progressive horticulturists, namely, R. G. Nicholson, who is scheduled for a paper on Propagation of Trees and Plants; Pears, Capt. R. S. Emory. Prof. C. L. Marlatt, Department of Agriculture, Washington, who engaged in exhaustive experiments in combatting the pear tree Psylla and the San Jose scale in the orchards of Capt. Emory, will deliver an address on "Insecticides." Captain Emory, himself, however, has been eminently successful in dealing with these enemies of Eastern pear interests and will be able to give much valuable information bearing upon this point. Tomatoes will be treated by George Biddle, while George H. Murray, an authority, will deal with asparagus culture and marketing.

The Queen Anne's Railroad.—That Mr. Emory and the promoters of the railroad now being constructed between Queenstown and Lewes, mean business, is evidenced by the fact that the management have become dissatisfied with the slow progress made by Contractor Merritt, and that gentleman has been notified that his force must be promptly increased. The contract demands that the road shall be completed to Denton by March 1st. Nearly one-half of the grading of the road to Denton has been completed, and every effort is being made to make such an increase in force as will insure a fulfillment of every requirement of the contract. Director Wilmer Emory stated last week that some difficulty has been met with in making satisfactory arrangements with the Pennsylvania road in regard to crossing their tracks at Queen Anne. After repeated efforts to secure an amicable adjustment, the Queen Anne's company have been given no answer other than to proceed and condemn, and this action, the new company's officers fear, as the matter will be taken to court, may cause some delay, and this they are anxious to avoid. The grading at Queenstown has reached a satisfactory point and the new pier is nearing completion. The road from the shore to the pier was completed nearly two weeks ago and the drive-way to the shore is about finished. The pile-driver has been unable to operate because of the ice. The Denton *Journal* said last week: "In order to comply with the requirements of the charter it is probable that in the course of a few weeks a contract will be given out for a section of the road beginning at this place and extending into Delaware and push it forward quickly, in order that there may be no forfeiture. Chief Engineer Troxel is making plans for the railroad bridge at this place. Engineers Ulher and Rought were in Denton yesterday and took soundings and made further measurements of the river, preparatory to the making of specifications for the railroad bridge here. The road is being enthusiastically advocated in Delaware, and weekly meetings are being held to further its interests.

High-Water Insurance Rates.—Insurance rates in Kent have reached a point of highness never before known. Agents of the stock companies were notified that the new Peninsula rates should go into effect yesterday. These new rates mean that Kent countians will have to pay on their fire insurance policies all the way from twenty to several hundred per centum more than they are now paying. In Chestertown there is very little increase except on very hazardous property on High street and elsewhere. In a certain part of Millington the rate has been increased from $2.75 to $8.00. In Rock Hall there is but little change, as is also the case in Galena.

Anti Toxine a Success.—Diphtheria is reported as alarmingly prevalent in Piney Neck, fifth district. A striking illustration of the efficacy of Anti Toxine as a specific for this dreaded disease was given last week. Mr. Anderson, of Cox's Station, in Queen Anne's, came to Chestertown, a distance of about twenty-five miles, to secure anti toxine, not knowing whether or not he would find his ten-year-old child alive upon his return. Mr. Stam had none of the serum in stock but secured a small package from Dr. H. L. Dodd. Mr. Anderson was in town on Monday, and reported the child convalescing, stating that the remedy had acted like a charm, and the little sufferer had been almost instantly relieved. Mr. Stam is more than glad that he was able to secure the serum for the suffering child.

County Commissioners.—Session, Jan. 14th, 1896. Full board present, President Hill presiding:—A pension of $25 was granted to Mary E. Bramble and children. The following accounts were approved and provided for: W. E. Beck, J. P., for fees and viewing body of Moses Phillips $15.35; Catherine E. Kennard for jail bond No. 16 and interest, $911.55; Charlotte A. Wickes, now Anna A. Chapman, int. on jail bonds No. 14, 15, and 17 $90; R. A. Bogle, int. jail bond No. 13, $30: Mt. Hope Retreat for attention and board of Mary C. George $150; W. F. Baily, sheriff of Queen Anne, for delivery of Richard Massey to Kent county authorities, $5.50; N. W. James & Co., for lumber for Chester bridge, $94.60; National Building and Supply Co., for terra cotta pipe $9.39; Sassafras River Steamboat Co., bal. on freight $1.15; Walter S. Trew, witness certificate, 33 cts; Garrett Foxwell, treasurer, submitted official report for December 1895 which was accepted. Dr. T. H. Cooper was appointed vaccine physician.

BANK NEWS.

Officers and Directors Elected—Two and a Half per Cent. Dividend Declared.

The board of directors of the Second National Bank on Tuesday elected the following directors and officers: James A. Pearce, president; H. W. Vickers, H. H. Barroll, W. W. Hubbard, Joseph A. Wickes, Garrett Foxwell, David Hurlock, J. K. H. Jacobs, A. F. Huey, directors.

The Chestertown National elected as follows: Charles T. Westcott, president; Thomas W. Eliason, Edwin S. Valliant, Franklin H. Harper, Alday Clements, Marion deK. Smith, Richard D. Hynson.

The Second National has decided to have their banking room handsomely frescoed by W. F. Willing, one of the most artistic and expert frescoers in the State.

The Kent County Savings Bank on Tuesday declared a semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent. clear of taxes, and carried $254.75 to undivided profits.

The Savings Bank elects officers and directors in July.

Personal Mention.

After remodeling and beautifying the law office, until recently occupied by James A. Pearce, Esq., William W. Beck, Esq., has moved into his new quarters, and is now permanently located in this time-honored law stand.

Officer Copper, who has shown himself equally as efficient a custodian of mails as he has been faithful as an officer, during the past year took 4952 letters and postal cards from the "up-town" mail box and deposited them in the postoffice.

Mrs. R. D. Hynson will entertain the Ladies' Wednesday Club, this evening. The usual custom was changed and gentlemen were present.

A number of young men of Washington College will give a dance in the gymnasium to-morrow, Friday, evening.

Miss Helen Carter, of Cecil, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. M. Brown, Water street.

Captain Charles Bacon, so widely and favorably known at all the most popular summer fishing grounds along the upper Chesapeake, and who has more than once figured as the hero in the historic game of hearts, together with Mr. John Tagart, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mr. Banks, Hartboro, Pennsylvania, last week.

Miss Lottie Wickes is the guest of the Misses Knight at their home in Baltimore.

Mrs. John D. Welch won the first prize, a silver manicure file, and Mr. A. Rush Dallam, the booby prize, a tin horn, at the delightful retrospective party given by Miss Morgan Beaston last week.

Contractors W. S. & A. M. Culp, are bidding for the building of a fine residence for a Baltimore gentleman.

R. K. Pippin & Sons are remodeling and improving the residence on the farm of Mr. W. Irving Walker, in Queen Anne's.

Mr. William Burk, the experienced shoemaker, has gone in business for himself and has opened a shop adjoining the office of W. W. Beck, Esq., in the Wickes office building.

Church Notes.

A number of the members of Christ M. P. Church, gave their pastor, Dr. S. R. Murray, a delightful surprise last night. The surprising party assembled at Mr. S. Frank Smith's and Mrs. M. E. Watts' and marched to the parsonage in a body. Vegetables, fruits, groceries and numerous other useful articles filled the pastor's larders to overflowing.

Rev. John David Kinzer, D. D., president of the Maryland Conference, M. P. Church, will occupy the pulpit of Christ M. P. Church, on Sunday evening next. Dr. Murray will occupy his pulpit in the morning.

When Bishop Warren raps the session of the Wilmington Conference to order in Dover next March, he will use a gavel made from one of the original benches in historic old Barrett's Chapel, in Kent county, Del. Barrett's Chapel, which is still standing in a good state of preservation, is a rare old Methodist land-mark. Bishop Francis Asbury preached there during his early labors on this side of the Atlantic, and once had a famous and affecting meeting with Bishop Coke within its walls.—*Wicomico News*

Trinity P. E. Church, Elkton, Rev. William Schouler, rector, was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning. The first bell had been rung and the rector was preparing for the morning service, when he discovered the Christmas evergreens, which had been left in the rear of the church, on fire. He endeavored to extinguish the fire alone, but failed, and at once gave the alarm, but the flames had gained too much headway to admit of control. Only the blackened walls of the once beautiful church were left. The property destroyed consisted of the church, which was insured for $3,500, and a $1,200 pipe organ, which was insured for $1,000.

GEORGE W. DAVIS DEAD.

The End of a Useful Career.

Mr. George W. Davis, one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of Kent county, passed quietly away after a long and painful illness, at his home near Still Pond, at 9 o'clock on Tuesday night. An active agriculturalist, a man of affairs and a citizen always taking a deep interest in any movement which affected his county or State, Mr. Davis was widely known, and yet no man in the county in which many of the most successful and active years of his life were past, was more universally respected. His word always his bond, and his character as a man of business, in the capacity of citizen or as the true and sincere friend, and active worker in church affairs, stood unimpeached and above the breath of suspicion.

Of a naturally robust constitution, his health was excellent until about a year ago, after which time he frequently complained of feeling badly, but no serious symptoms developed. About December the first a small boil made its appearance on the side of the head. Mr. Davis attached no special importance to the apparently slight trouble, but finally caught cold in it, erysipelas developed, and medical skill was baffled to prevent blood poison setting in, and after a lingering illness, the estimable citizen and Christian gentleman succumbed to disease.

Mr. Davis was born in Sussex county, Delaware, on March 26th, 1830, and came to Kent about 1857, moving on the Beaston farm, near Locust Grove, now occupied by Mr. Samuel J. Hill. After two years on this farm, he moved to the home where he died and where his estimable wife was born, near Still Pond. He was an active and conscientious member of the Still Pond M. E. Church, and always took an active interest in whatever would redound to its advancement and the sacred cause which it represented. After coming to Kent he married Miss Minnie Busick, who survives him, and who is a sister of Mr. William S. Busick, of Still Pond.

Mr. Davis was an active Democrat, and in 1876 was appointed by Governor Carroll a member of the board of county commissioners, under the new law introduced into the State Senate by Senator Hepbron, changing the number of commissioners from three to five. Mr. James R. Jones was appointed at the same time, constituting the board as follows: T. Romie Strong, Thomas P. Dixon, W. B. Lucas, George W. Davis and James R. Jones. Mr. Davis was elected at the general election of 1877, and held the office for one term. In the year 1892 he was appointed by Judge Joseph A. Wickes a member of the county school board, of which he was an active member at the time of his death.

His father, Mr. Henry Davis, now in his ninety-fifth year, is living with his son, and a half brother of the deceased, Mr. Harry Davis, near Still Pond.

Lawrence R. Davis, postmaster at Odessa, Del., is a brother of the deceased.

Funeral services will be held at his late home at 2 o'clock P. M. on to-morrow (Friday).

EPIDEMICS OF CONTAGION.

Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever and Measels Raging in the County.

Kent county is now being visited by an unusual scourage of contagious diseases. Diphtheria, the most fatal and consequently most to be dreaded of the list, has shown itself to an alarming extent in Piney Neck. The disease has been confined, however, to a few families, and a spread of the fearful contagion prevented by the prompt action of Drs. Selby and Willson, who have attended the cases. Scarlet fever, too, has prevailed to an alarming extent in the same vicinity, and has proven fatal in several instances.

Mr. Wash. Crouch last week had four children reported ill with the disease, and one has since been reported dead.

Mr. Columbus Beck's little boy, Walter Cleveland, died on Friday night with the fever, aged 3 years.

Millington and other sections of the county have suffered from the scarlet fever scourge within the past few months.

Rock Hall, Kennedyville and some other sections are now combatting the measles, and by stringent precautionary measures the disease is being successfully handled.

MATRIMONIAL.

And Still the Merry Marriage Bells Ring Out.

Mr. Harry L. Chew, one of Chestertown's most popular and prosperous merchants, and Miss Emma E. Allen, one of the most popular young ladies of Havre de Grace, were married in St. John's Protestant Episcopal parsonage, Havre de Grace, at 5.30 P. M., yesterday, Wednesday, January 15th. The impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. F. Humphrey, the bride's rector. The TRANSCRIPT extends congratulations to the happy young couple.

Mr. Louis Atwell and Miss Elizabeth Johnston, both of near Sassafras, were married yesterday evening, at 7 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents.

STEWART—HICKS.

One of the most beautiful social events of the season in and around Galena, was the marriage in the Galena M. E. Church, at 7.30 o'clock yesterday evening, of Mr. Arnold J. Stewart and Miss Etta S. Hicks, Rev. E. H. Nelson, assisted by Rev. Mr. Fletcher, officiating. Both the bride and bridegroom are extremely popular, and socially the wedding was *the* event of the winter. The church was appropriately and handsomely trimmed, and long before the hour for the ceremony its seating capacity was taxed to the utmost. At the appointed hour, to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, sweetly rendered by Miss Linda Jacobs, cousin of the groom, the bridal couple entered the church, immediately preceded by the maid of honor, Miss Ada L. Hicks, sister of the bride, gowned in a handsome cream silk crepon, with satin ribbon trimmings, and the ribbon girl, pretty little Miss Hettie Hicks, cousin of the bride, wearing a beautiful cream silk crepon trimmed in ribbon. Preceding the maid of honor and the little ribbon girl were the ushers: Messrs. T. J. Hodgson, J. W. Hartley, Whittier C. Copper and W. H. Stewart, Jr.

The bride wore a magnificent wedding gown of cream brocade silk, trimmed with lace and satin ribbon, with veil and gloves to match, and carried Marechal Neil roses. The groom and ushers wore white gloves and boutonnieres.

New Advertisements.

We would state as worthy of mention, the successful planning, managing and handling of the HOTEL PEACOCK, built at Galena, by R. K. PIPPIN & SONS, contractors and builders, Chestertown, Md. Notwithstanding some disadvantages at which they were, the whole was a perfect success, being finished within five days of the specified contract time. It was under the personal direction of WALTER T. PIPPIN, junior member of the firm. Persons desiring the services of this old, reliable and tried firm will find them by addressing them at Chestertown.

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CHIEF JUDGE ROBINSON DEAD.

Expires Suddenly at Annapolis.

Chief Judge John M. Robinson, of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, died at about noon on Tuesday of neuralgia of the heart, aged sixty eight years. He had suffered from several previous attacks. Sunday night he had a very severe attack, and on Monday made up his mind to consult Dr. William Osler, of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, who had treated him before for the same trouble. His daughter, Mrs. Lloyd, wife of Lieut. Edward Lloyd, Jr., of the navy, prevailed upon him to go to her house, where he died. He had partially made his preparations to go to Baltimore, and his associates on the bench who called at his boarding-house, were informed that he had gone.

His death in Annapolis was, therefore, a very great surprise to them, as, indeed, it was to nearly every one. His wife, Mrs. Lloyd and other members of the family were with him when he died.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

The funeral services will take place at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Annapolis, at 10 this (Thursday) morning. A special train will carry the remains, accompanied by the members of the family and others, to Centreville. Interment will be made at noon on Friday at "Waverly," the home of the late chief justice, on the Chester river, in Queen Anne's county. If the ice will permit it is possible that a State steamer may carry the remains to Queen Anne's.

Judge Robinson leaves one son and five daughters. His son is Mr. Ralph Robinson, a member of the bar of Baltimore. His daughters are Mrs. Alice Gowen, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Sallie M. Hance, of Philadelphia; Mrs. W. F. Fullam, of Annapolis; Mrs. Edward Lloyd, of Annapolis, and Mrs. Edward M. McIlvain, of Bethlehem, Pa. The husbands of Mrs. Fullam and Lloyd are both naval officers, the one on duty on board the Raleigh, at Portsmouth, Va., and the other at Hong Kong with the Asiatic squadron

When the news came to the Court of Appeals that the chief justice had expired Mr. Semmes, of Cumberland, was addressing the court upon a case from Garret county. The argument in progress was stopped at once and court adjourned, and all of the afternoon the flag on the State House was at half mast.

The death of Judge Robinson removed from the appellate bench the last of the judges elected in 1867. Judge Alvey is now the only one of that distinguished body alive, and he is chief justice of another court. Judge Bryan is now the senior member of the court. His term of office expires in 1898 and he will reach the age of seventy years one year before the expiration of his term. Next in seniority is Judge James McSherry, whose term runs to 1902. Judge Robinson's death makes the first break in the bench of the second judicial circuit, all three of the judges, Robinson, Wickes and Stump, having been elected in 1867 and re-elected in 1882, a period of twenty-nine years these three men were together on the bench.

GOV. LOWNDES' FIRST APPOINTMENT.

Judge Robinson was appointed to the place of chief judge by Governor Brown to succeed Judge Alvey. It will now devolve upon Governor Lowndes to appoint one of the members of the court to the high position so unhappily made vacant. This will be the new Governor's first judicial appointment.

Judge Robinson was born in Caroline county, December 2, 1827. His father was a farmer, and his grandfather, Ralph Robinson, was a wealthy planter of Sussex county, Del.

In 1847 he graduated from Dickinson College, studied law with Carmichael & Brown at Centreville, was admitted to the bar in 1849 and began the practice of the law in Centreville. In January, 1851, under the old constitution, he received from Attorney-General R. J. Brent the appointment of deputy attorney-general for Queen Anne's county.

He was elected State's attorney for Queen Anne's county in 1851. In 1854 he was elected judge of the circuit which comprised the counties of Queen Anne's and Kent. In 1867 he was elected judge of the third judicial circuit, and again in 1882, both times without opposition either in the convention or at the polls. His term of office would have expired in 1897.

He was appointed chief judge of the Court of Appeals by Governor Brown on May 1, 1893, to succeed Chief Judge Richard H. Alvey, who resigned to accept the position of chief justice of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia.

WOMEN SHOULD VOTE.

So the Committee Decided in the Inter-Society Debate at W. C.

The inter-society debate between representatives of the Mt. Vernon and Philomathean Literary Societies of Washington College, held in the college chapel on Saturday evening, was a most enjoyable affair. The question was: Resolved, "That Every American Woman Should Have the Right of Suffrage." The affirmative was represented by Messrs. George C. Graham, Jr., and T. A. Goldsborough, of the Mt. Vernon; the negative by Messrs. E. R. McDorman and J. M. White, of the Philomathean. Rev. W. P. Compton acted as referee, of the occasion, and Dr. S. R. Murray, Prof. J. R. Micou and C. C. Hopper, judges. Prof. Stephens having offered a prize to the speaker developing the greatest number of points from an oratorical standpoint, the committee on debate, were left to decide only the logical development of the arguments presented, and Rev. W. P. Compton, James A. Pearce, Esq., and Dr. C. W. Reid were appointed a committee to decide the oratorical merits of the speakers.

The speakers all gave evidence of a thorough investigation of the subject, and where all did so well, it could but be an injustice to indulge in comparisons. The affirmative, after establishing the fact that woman is mentally capable of a judicious and intelligent exercise of the franchise, followed it up with demonstrations of the successful operation of the experiment in a number of States. The negative, without combatting this proposition, held that woman could but be unfitted for a proper fulfillment of the great design of her Creater, would be dethroned from her exalted position as a refining and elevating factor, and that she could but become contaminated and morally weakened by politically coming in close contact with the ruder natures and harsher influences which would surround her under the changed conditions. Womanhood may feel gratified at some of the charming tributes paid them by all the speakers. Messrs. McDorman and White, while combatting the advisability of granting her the right of ballot, were eloquent in their references to the nobility and beauty of her character.

Though the points of merit of the respective sides were extremely close, the committee, without consultation, were unaminous in their decision for the affirmative. Mr. McDorman was awarded the medal for oratory. This gentleman is deliberate in delivery, has a fine voice, and is an unusually pleasant speaker.

It is to be regretted that inter-society debating contests are not more frequent.

ANOTHER M.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Be so good as to give another M. (untitled except the plain Rev. before his name) a little space to express a thought or two on ministerial rights to citizenship in the State of Maryland.

I understand that we, as ministers of the gospel, may be appointed to a place in the custom house, be made postmasters, go to Congress, be appointed to United States Senate, or even be named for president of this grand republic.

If we have an ambition to be high sheriff or mayor, Legislatureman or State Senator, clerk of the court or collector of tax, we can for the time doff our priestly robes, lay our parchments in the archives of the church and start in the race for political preferment and honor. It seems to me that we, as preachers, would have some unfair advantage over other political candidates if the pulpit as well as the stump, were at our disposal in electioneering contests. Even as it is, we sometimes from the sacred desk assume the right and prerogative to say how men shall vote. Or in other words, we sometimes say no man can be a Christian unless he votes this way or that, or if he dares to vote that way or this.

For many reasons I am not in favor of changing the constitution of Maryland. "Let the potsherds of the earth clash with the potsherds of the earth." All I ask of "the powers that be" is the untrammeled right to preach "the glorious gospel of the blessed God," to hold up Christ as the Saviour of lost and dying men.

"His only righteousness I show,
His saving truth proclaim;
'Tis all my business here below
To cry 'behold the Lamb.'"

ANOTHER M.

STEAMERS STILL RUNNING.

Scenes and Incidents on the Chester.

Never within the history of steamboating on Chester river, has the traveling bublic been given a more striking illustration of what progressive steamboating really means. With many of the largest steamers plying between Baltimore and various Maryland river landings tied up at their wharves, with freights and travel at a minimum, the Chester river company has continued to send out its fine steamers to battle with the ice, and from Chestertown, and excepting Queenstown, as yet not a trip has been missed to any point. A TRANSCRIPT reporter on Friday made the trip to Baltimore with Captain William Taylor, on board the Emma Ford. Clear, solid ice from two to five inches thick was encountered the entire distance from Chestertown to Baltimore, the heaviest being met at the mouth of the Patapsco, when the steamer could scarce be seen to move through the great ice field. Without being on the steamer during one of these battles royal with the ice, it is impossible to fully appreciate the tremendous strain through which machinery, hull and every part are put. The vessel trembled from stem to stern, and as she dashed forward at full force the heavy iron hull might be seen to give under the great strain on every part. Captain Taylor, Mates Anthony and Bowers did not leave their places at the wheel for a moment.

The buckets of the wheels were so badly broken that a number of them were replaced by new ones before making the return on Saturday. No other steamers were seen on the bay or in the Patapsco than the Emma and B. S. Ford. The ice had broken on Saturday and bergs fully twenty feet high were seen floating in the bay.

No stops were made at Queenstown from Friday, January 3d, to Tuesday last. Captain Clark and the B. S. Ford, after being driven out of Corsica river by the heavy ice, have done splendid work in the trips to Rock Hall, keeping the harbor open and being a great convenience to the people.

On Tuesday of last week, several Rock Hall oyster runners, fast in the ice, telegraphed to Baltimore for tugs, and on Wednesday morning relief came.

Four vessels were broken out of the ice, but Capt. Sewell's boat was held so fast as to necessitate leaving her behind. The price paid for the tow was $80.

FROM STILL POND.

The Epworth League, one of the most valuable adjuncts of church work ever organized in our church, at its semi-annual meeting, held at Mrs. G. W. Rodenhiser's, elected the following officers: President, Rev. E. H. Nelson; first vice-president, Albert Jervis; second vice-president, Mrs. J. W. Harper; third vice-president, Mrs. W. D. Pennington; fourth vice-president, Mrs. W. M. Watts; secretary, Miss Pauline Nelson; treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Rodenhiser; organists, Misses Amy Baynard and Ida Crowding.

Rev. E. H. Nelson was unexpectedly summoned to attend the funeral of his step-mother last week. This earnest worker in the vineyard has reaped a glorious harvest and done a splendid work in our midst.

The creamery is now enjoying a season of success almost unprecedented in its history. The new manager thoroughly understands his business, and the Still Pond creamery product commands the very highest market prices every time. We want more farmers to take hold of this enterprise, and it must end in being a splendid success.

Rev. Joseph W. Harper, who is always at his post zealously working for his church and its cause, led the Epworth League services on Sunday, and gave a fine address on the subject of Prayer.

Presiding Elder Alfred Smith received a warm welcome here on Saturday and Sunday. He presided over the quarterly conference on Saturday afternoon, held Lovefeast on Sunday morning, and preached the morning sermon. His theme was "Self-Sacrifice." X. Y.

FROM FAIRLEE.

EDS. TRANSCRIPT:—Ice houses all full, wild geese all gone out of Fairlee Creek, boys and girls (young men and ladies) all gone skating on the upper mill pond this grand winter day.

Our champion goose shooter, Will Barnes, has turned his guns on the canine race. Last Saturday morning, before most of the villagers were up, the cry was raised by a frightened lady, of mad dog! mad dog? Pretty soon the gallant Barnes came forth with gun in hand like the Hon. Lemuel Eli Quiggs, "gladiator belted and buckeled, booted and spurred." Then we smelt powder—heard a howl, and there was one less living dog in town. The poor brute was evidently bad, but there is some doubt that he was really mad.

Dr. Alfred Smith, our popular P. E., was greeted Sunday afternoon by a full house. He says it was decidedly the largest congregation to whom he has ever preached in this place. He was pleased and we were all delighted with the sermon from the beautiful 23d Psalm. We were glad to have Dr. J. A. Perkins with us in this delightful service. The pastor in the love feast, which was largely attended, reported 123 conversons, one hundred and three of whom have joined his charge in church membership. St. James M. P. Church has reaped a part of the harvest of souls, as well as other churches at different places.

Mr. Wm. P. Crosby is now reported convalescent. He is able to set up, but of course still confined to his room.

Mr. J. Welch Crew, who was married just two months ago to-day, is critically ill at his home near Lankford.

Mr. J. L. Lewis, accomodating merchant and P. M., is off on a visit to Baltimore, Washington, Annapolis and Anne Arundel county.

Mr. J. Zell Staats and wife, of Townsend Delaware, spent part of Sabbath with us. They were the guests of Mr. J. C. Staats and family. Mr. Staats reports Mr. L. J. Smyth, formerly of this place and more recently of Kennedyville, as doing grand work as teacher in his new charge at Townsend. The people are delighted with his services.

We may safely announce the marriage of Mr. Ivanhoe Willis and Miss Maggie V. Fisher for Wednesday evening of this week at the M. E. parsonage, by the pastor.

In the absence of sleigh bells let the marriage bells ring on merrily, merrily.

The bride and groom will occupy part of the commodious house, with Mr Harry Willis on the Hatcherson farm between Lankford and Fairlee.

Miss Lula Lee has returned from a two weeks visit to Baltimore.

Our townsman, Mr. J. C. Staats, has been waited on by prominent Republican citizens to accept the place of J. P. for Fairlee, of course subject to appointment of his excellency Gov. Lowndes. He is every way qualified for the position. We hope he will accept.

EAST END.

LOCUST GROVE.

Mrs. James H. Hill and daughter, pretty little Miss Heigh, of Baltimore, are visiting at the home of Mr. Samuel Hill.

Misses Blanche Sutton and Ida Redmile, have returned after a pleasant visit to friends near Chestertown.

Mrs. Barkley Kilbourne, of Broad Neck, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kelley.

Mr. Harvey Beasten has returned to Baltimore.

Miss Etta Chrisfield is visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Georgia Sutton has returned after a pleasant visit with relatives in Galena.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boyd, of Galena, spent Sunday with Mrs. M. V. Sutton.

Misses Ida and Blanche Redmile attended the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Johnston and Mr. Lewis Atwell on Wednesday evening at Sassafras.

The Corey "Y" will meet at the home of Mr. Harry Rutter on Wednesday evening.

A Remarkable Policy.—In 1851 the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county issued a policy on the property of Dr. T. C. Kennard, near Still Pond. The total amount paid by the different insurers on this policy (for it has changed hands a number of times) including an assessment, has been $281.12. The company has returned to them in dividends sums aggregating $362.12, and the policy has now to its credit $203.69. The insurers have had their property insured for forty-four years, and at the same time have recieved in dividends forty-one dollars more than their total payments; and if the policy were cancelled to-day and the amount to its credit paid, they would then have received $565.01, or double the amount of their payments.

MARRIED.

CROWDING—JONES.—January 8th, 1896, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Still Pond, Md., by Rev. E. H. Nelson, Jacob Crowding, Jr., and Miss Susie W. Jones, both of Kent.

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of figs will permanently cure habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.



KNOWLEDGE

Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many, who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adapting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

Its excellence is due to its presenting in the form most acceptable and pleasant to the taste, the refreshing and truly beneficial properties of a perfect laxative; effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers and permanently curing constipation. It has given satisfaction to millions and met with the approval of the medical profession, because it acts on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels without weakening them and it is perfectly free from every objectionable substance.

Syrup of Figs is for sale by all druggists in 50c and $1 bottles, but it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county, letters testamentary upon the personal estate of

J. REYNER STAVELY,

late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 23d day of July, 1896, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 14th day of January, 1896.

j16-4t. JAMES A. PEARCE, Executor.

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NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county, letters testamentary upon the personal estate of

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j16-4t. A. LOUISA ARMSTRONG, EXECUTRIX.

A NEW FEATURE In Galena. Flour and Feed Store!

Farmers and others can save a long haul and wait by exchanging their grain at the store. Mill rates and all mill features maintained.

Flour by Barrel or Sack.

MEAL and FEED in quantities to suit. Stock complete at all times.

Full Roller Process.

E. W. SPEAR, Prop. of Millington Mills.

Corrugated Iron Roofing and Lubricating OILS.

Iron Corrugated Roofing, on account of the advance in price of iron, will be delivered at nearest railroad station for $3.50 per square (100 square feet).

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MUNYON'S PROOF.

Public Praise From Eminent Citizens.

References to Complete and Permanent Cures in Thousands of Cases Where Physicians Have Failed—Get a Free Copy of Munyon's Guide to Health, Ask Your Druggist for a 25 cent Bottle of Munyon's Remedies and Cure Yourself.

Mr. H. C. Smith, No. 649 Perry street, Newark, N. J., says: "After several physicians gave up my case as beyond their skill, I wrote to Prof. Munyon. I had dyspepsia and constant distress in the stomach, chronic diarrhœa, catarrh, with continual dropping of mucus in the throat and stoppage of the nose. I suffered so much from rheumatism in the shoulder that I could scarcely move my arm. I also had kidney trouble, with backache and swelling of the feet and ankles. In fact, it would be hard to find a more obstinate and complicated case, and I could scarcely believe Prof. Munyon's statement that his remedies would cure me. But I confess freely that I was completely cured by a short course of Munyon's Remedies. I wish to particularly recommend his new catarrh treatment as the mildest and yet the most promptly curative of any I have used."

The Munyon Remedies effect prompt and positive cures in the most obstinate cases. A separate cure for each disease. At all druggists, 25 cents each.

Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 1505 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease.

This Space is Reserved for JOHN BARTLEY, The Furniture, CARPET, OIL CLOTH, PAINT AND OIL, WALL PAPER AND WINDOW SHADE MAN of Kent county (everybody admits that).

ALSO GLASS & PUTTY, Etc.

His shop is next door to the old bank.

If you must pay big prices for these goods, don't go to Bartley's.

TAKE NOTICE!

In Connection With MY GROCERY BUSINESS, which I have removed to the Rock Hall Steamboat Wharf, I have fitted up a neat room to Serve Oysters by the Plate! and can furnish them by the Gallon or Bushel to any one in Kent or any other county. Receive them fresh from the water *daily*.

VERY REASONABLE PRICES.

J. W. DOWNEY.

Reduction in Winter Hats.

SWEEPING REDUCTIONS

have been made in our large and varied line of Winter Hats. It is proposed that our magnificent line of

Winter Hats AND MILLINERY GOODS

shall be surpassed in our spring goods, and in order to make room for spring goods this splendid line of goods must move, and our friends and patrons shall enjoy the benefits of reduced prices for high-class, seasonable goods. The first to come will be the first served from this reduction sale of beautiful winter styles at new year's reduction of prices.

Misses Cora and Hettie Reed, CHESTERTOWN, MD.

DANIEL HILL & SON, KENNEDYVILLE, MD.

1895 still finds us selling the old Schuylkil known as

RAMBO'S LIME, MANUFACTURED BY Robt. McCoy & Co.

Farmers must admit that it is necessary for them to use Lime in order to keep up their lands and there is none better than the above. It is the cheapest because it is the best; gives the best results and improves the land more permanently and lasts longer. All orders will be promptly delivered at any station on any of the Peninsula railroads. We are selling at prices to suit the depressed times; a substantial reduction from last year. Orders by mail will receive prompt and careful attention. Also for sale the

Keystone Dehorning Clippers.

Any one desiring to have their cattle dehorned should write to us, and we will give the order immediate attention.

Jan. 31, 1895—y. DANIEL HILL & SON, Kennedyville, Md.

Look Out for Old Kriss!

You can find him at the old stand,

MRS. D. GRUBER, Up Town.

We have on hand

A Full Supply of Good Things,

—NAMELY:—

Best Mixed Drops only 7½c. per lb.
Good French Mixture for 7½c. per lb., that has been selling for 10c.
All-Cream Mixture only 10c. per lb. Just think of it.
I also have a Fine Mixture for only 15c. per lb. Don't forget the place.

MRS. D. GRUBER.

NATHAN BROOKS' Shaving Saloon, STILL POND.

I desire to inform the people of this and surrounding neighborhoods, that I am permanently located in Still Pond. Shaving neatly and cleanly done. Hair cutting in the latest style. Ladies' and Children's Bangs Trimmed. Shampooing a specialty. Give me a call.

Respectfully, etc.,

Jan. 24, 1895—y. NATHAN BROOKS, Still Pond.

GRAIN! GRAIN! GRAIN!

Having become the representative in Millington, Maryland, of

William George Hill

of Delaware, in the purchase of Grain, I am enabled to offer the farmers of Kent every possible advantage in the sale of their crops. The highest market prices will be paid and prompt settlements made. Mr. Hill is one of the largest Grain buyers on the peninsula, and is favorably known in Kent. Call or address

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Double Heaters!

Rupert and Morning Light—the perfect workers—New Illuminator, Spear's Best and other makes, for sale by

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Machine Oils FOR WHEAT HARVEST,

at 20, 30 and 40 cents per gallon. Also Harness and Axle Oils, cheap. No better on the market, at

JOSEPH GUEST'S, Chestertown, Md.

ECONOMY

is the Science of Unnecessary Expenditure. At the present price of wheat and corn, it goes without question that the farmer and all who depend upon him must economize.

IT WILL BE ECONOMY

to anticipate your wants at the following prices. WE HAVE DETERMINED TO CLOSE OUT last season's stock by selling a Child's Suit of Clothes at the price of the coat. A Pair of Knee Pants for the price of one leg.

Keep the Boys Warm.

A Man's Whole Suit at the price of the Coat and Vest, this means with every suit of Clothes a

Pair of Pants Goes Free!

Winter Underwear cut ¼ to ½. Men's Drawers, worth 30c., now 19c. A Pair of Gloves for the price of one.

Calicoes have also been cut, for all of this season's goods must go.

Yours for Business,

F. H. HARPER & SON.

Turner & Son, BETTERTON, MD.

Lumber,	Coal,
Hardware,	Flour,
Lime,	Mill Feed,
Hair,	Salt,
Coal Oil,	Paints,
Buckwheat,	Oils,
Hominy,	Drain Pipe,
Gum Boots,	Netting and
Gum Coats,	Twines,
Oil Clothing,	Ropes, etc.

Everything at Bottom Prices!

Special Discounts for Cash.

Our New Flour, Aurora, $3.69 per barrel.

All Coal Cash.

Change of advertisement will appear each week. Your business solicited.

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NEW YEAR GREETING!

BUSINESS!

To put forth our best efforts to have and to hold your trade is OUR BUSINESS,
Whether or not you will favor us is YOUR BUSINESS.
But we will make it OUR BUSINESS
To make it BUSINESS FOR YOU
To give us YOUR BUSINESS.
Join hands with us, and Business will be Business.

Horse Shoeing 65 Cents Cash!

ALL OTHER WORK AT LOW PRICES.

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