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LOCAL MATTERS.

Real Estate Sold.—Mrs. Mary J. Lumbert, on Saturday purchased at mortgagee's sale, the valuable "home farm" of Mr. George R. Beck. The tract contains 234 acres and sold for $24.35 per acre.

Collar Bone Broken.—The little four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Blackway, Cannon street, Chestertown, fell from a table on Monday and broke his collar bone. The child in his play had scrambled to the table and accidentally fell to the floor.

Thieves Still About.—For the second or third time this season, a thief or thieves have paid their respects to Mr. Josiah Massey. The last time several fine West Virginia bronze turkeys were carried off. Farmer Massey has his weather-eye on the thief.

Caught a Skunk.—"Fur King Ascher" states the first skunk he has ever known caught in Kent county, was trapped by Horace Hynson, in Morgan's Creek recently. Mr. Ascher says that it was a Pennsylvania varment, and possibly landed from drift logs or lumber swept down the bay in a freshet.

Still After the Geese.—Kent county gunners have probably never enjoyed so proctracted a season of sport after wild geese as during the present winter, and it is safe to say that never have so great a number of the big birds been killed inland in the county. Geese are still frequenting the wheat fields, and within the past few days "Doc." William H. Piper has bagged four of the fine birds.

Levy Court.—Session February 9th, 1897. Full board present, President Hill, presiding. The following accounts were passed: Edward England, road work, $7.30; Wesley Cannon, same, $10.13; Geo. W. Bramble, same, $4.40; A. L. Hudson, same, $2.40; Wm. A. Blakeney, repairing, $3.25; Dr. F. W. Hodgkins, vaccinating indigents, $7.00; Paul & Falconer, for blank books, $29.50; James Cann, pension $15.

An Unusual Catch.—Jeweler J. H. Sides made a most unusual catch in the backyard of his place of business on Friday. Having occasion to go into the rear of his store Mr. Sides discovered a possum trying to dig its way under the house. The property is situated on High street, in the business centre of the town, and just where this unusual visitor came from is a mystery which Mr. Miller, Mr. Sides confidential clerk, is vainly endeavering to solve.

Seed Distribution.—By a bulletin issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, it is shown that the tomato seed distribution of last year throughout the States was sufficient to plant 48,826 acres, cabbage sufficient to plant 42,342 acres; turnip, 40,713 acres and sweet corn, 13,232 acres. The total weight of the seed purchased by the department was over 1,200,000 pounds, or as put up for distribution a quantity sufficient to load seventy-five mail cars. The cost to the postoffice department of hauling the 20,359,264 packages sent out is put at $100,000.

Practical Gold Standard.—No people have taken the issues of the last campaign in a more serious or matter-of-fact way than the colored citizens of Kent. An old colored veteran entered a Chestertown bank on Saturday, and cooly laid down a one dollar goldpiece having a hole in it, and demanded two silver dollars in exchange. When questioned as to the innocent modesty of the request, he stated that as silver dollars were only worth fifty cents it would take two of them to equal his goldpiece. A Chestertown cook immediately following the election, left a home at which she had lived for a number of years because her demand for gold in payment of wages was not complied with.

Queen Anne Railroad.—All Kent countians are watching with interest the progress of the Queen Anne Railroad. It is now stated that the last layer of concrete before beginning to put in the track for the draw has been put in place. The entire foundation, when completed will contain 500 bushels of shells, 50 barrels of cement and about two carloads of sand. The heavy iron work for the bridge has already arrived. The cold snap has caused delay but trains are expected to be running about the 15th or 20th of this month. The grading between Greenwood and Ellendale is all finished and track-laying commenced. The right-of-way between Ellendale and Lewes, a distance of sixteen miles has been secured.

For the Inauguration.—Col. Wm. J. Vannort, a member of the State inauguration committee and marshall for the first district, met the committee last week in Baltimore. It was then decided that the sashes to be worn on the day of the inauguration shall be orange and black, the marshalls shall wear black suits and high hats, while the members of the clubs may wear any dark suits and dark hats. Col. Vannort states that no definite arrangements have been made and reported by the Kent county clubs, though a number of persons have individually expressed a determination to go to the inauguration on March 4. An excursion out of Chester river is said to be a probable arrangement for those wishing to attend.

Tomato Prices.—An interesting question to Kent county farmers is the price to be paid per ton for tomatoes during the coming season of the present year. Mr. H. N. Baldwin, of the Kennedyville cannery, was in the county last week, and put the price at $5 per ton, and intimated that unless the farmers could grow stock for that price his cannery would not be opened. Mr. Carr, of the Worton cannery, was also in the county, and stated that the present condition of the canned goods market and the future outlook gives little promise of the canners being able to go above the $5 mark for tomatoes. The question is now in the hands of the farmers. Can they grow tomatoes at the price offered at a profit?

Col. Passmore's Lecture.—An interesting and instructive lecture on "The Bermudas" was delivered by Col. John A. M. Passmore, of Philadelphia, before the teachers of the county, at Stam's Hall, on Friday evening. Col. Passmore is a pleasant speaker and was most fortunate in the selection of his subject. The charms of climate, picturesqueness of situation, tropical beauty of landscape and the social and religious life of the people were strongly brought out by the enthusiastic lecturer. No frosts blight the vegetation, and Bermuda is literally a land of perpetual summer. Of coral formation, the only means of securing water is by catching rain water in large tanks. The people, as a rule, are cultured and extremely hospitable. The culture of Easter lillies forms an important industry on the islands. The lecture was free, and many were present in addition to the teachers. Many of the descriptions were beautiful, and a "land of song, of sunshine and of beauty" suffered in no degree from the eloquent treatment by the lecturer.

The Peach Prophet Out.—Unfortunately for all concerned, the gentleman more truthfully than eloquently styled the "Peach liar," has put in an appearance, and as a matter of course, as he steps upon the scene the peach prospect steps off. Dead wood and dead buds, and consequently dead hopes, are his stock in trade. Here is his first warning: "Peach growers on the peninsula are already speculating about the coming crop, and the opinion prevails that there will be a few peaches this year. Growers who have examined the trees say the buds have been harmed by the cold weather, and that there is more dead wood on the trees than for many years past." Kent growers are not yet ready to indulge in any blighting prophecies.

Injunction Stopped the Sale.—The sale of the canning house and machinery of John S. Ward, located at Lynch's station and advertised by John D. Urie, as trustee, was brought to an abrupt termination on Saturday, by an injunction issued by Hope H. Barroll, Esq., and J. J. Archer, Esq., as attorneys for creditors. It seems that in 1895 Ward gave a mortgage on the property to a number of farmers to whom he was indebted for tomatoes. He failed to satisfy this mortgage, and becoming further embarrassed financially last fall, made a deed of trust to John D. Urie, under which deed of trust the property was advertised for sale. Mr. Carr of the Worton cannery, and Mr. Baldwin, of the Kennedyville cannery were present to bid on the property had the sale not been stopped.

Backed in Front of the Train.—The double team and driver of Hope H. Barroll, Esq., made a startlingly narrow escape from being crushed beneath the noon train, at the Chestertown depot on Saturday. Mr. Barroll had sent his team to the station to meet guests, and when the train came in the horses became unmanagable and backed directly across the track in front of the approaching engine and cars. All efforts to get them to move were unavailing, but fortunately the train was moving slowly, and with a promptness born of long experience, Engineer Horace Reed reversed his engine, set his air-brakes, and when the train came to a standstill the cow-catcher of the engine was within two feet of the still obstinate team. The driver tumbled out just as the train stopped.

A Lady Held up.—Mrs. George L. Chrisfield, while on her way to visit her father, Mr. Wm. Slagle, in Queen Anne, on Tuesday, was stopped by a man on the Queen Anne end of Chester bridge. The fellow grabbed Mrs. Chrisfield's horse and demanded two dollars and a half, stating that he was the bridge-keeper, and as she had trotted her horse over the bridge she must pay the fine. Not the least disconcerted, Mrs. Chrisfield deliberately commenced to alight from her carriage, whereupon the man, who had continued to hold the horse, asked what she proposed to do. The answer was promptly given that unless he immediaty stood back he would soon find out. This had a quieting effect and the intruder, who was a heavy-set white man, stepped back, saying that he reckoned he was mistaken, and Mrs. Chrisfield drove on Bridge-keeper Bradley has no idea as to who the man was. Mrs Chrisfield states that she had not driven in a trot across the bridge, and supposes that the fellow thought to frighten her into giving him money.

Exemption From Rabies.—When seen several days ago, ten-year-old Leonard Needles, who was bitten by a rabid dog two winters ago, and who was treated at the Pasteur Institute, New York, was as bright as a dollar, and without any reference being made to the matter whatever by the reporter, stated that he was perfectly well and had no fear of any ill results from the bite of the brute. Mr. John H. Clendaniel, who had a horse slightly bitten by the valuable young horse which he lost as a result of being bitten by a rabid dog, states that the horse is as well as any in his stable. Kent has enjoyed total immunity from this dread disease during the present winter. In Prince George's county farmers have killed a number of fine sheep which were unmistakably affected. Mr. William Berry had a ram which exhibited signs of madness, trying frequently to butt its brains out. It was finally destroyed. Soon after another sheep owned by Mr. Berry was attacked in the same manner and had to be shot. Mr. Lee Belt, living near Mr. Berry, had to shoot six or seven of his sheep after they showed signs of madness.

BALTIMORE BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

The Association in a Most Prosperous Condition and no Need for Uneasiness.

The recent failure of the Southern Building and Loan Association, has resulted in some investigation as to the condition of the Baltimore Building and Loan Association, a branch of which is in Chestertown. The result has been most satisfactory. It was found that the Southern Association was run upon an entirely different principle from that of the Baltimore Association, and upon a system far less healthy and satisfactory from a business standpoint. In response to a query by James A. Pearce, Esq., counsel for the Chestertown branch, Fielder C. Slingluff, Esq., counsel for the Baltimore Association, writes as follows:

"Our business was never more stable and prosperous than it is to-day. We have weathered the hard times of the past three years with increased business. Our foreclosures have been moderate, and one-half of the property we have taken in under foreclosures, is a good rent-paying asset in our hands, and some of it we are getting rid of at a handsome profit. We never went into the boom towns, and in this respect, have a great advantage over the Tennessee Associations, where losses are largely in that direction. Under our by-laws, we are only required to pay out in redemption of our stock one-half of our monthly receipts. This protects us from 'runs,' and gives us time to communicate with and reassure the timid among our stockholders. We have now reached a period in our business when we are making more money than we ever have before, and we must call on our stockholers to stand by us, and give us a well-deserved confidence. We have 2800 mortgages out, a vast majority of them under $1000.00, and our system of business is safe and conservative."

CHECKER CHAMPIONS.

Checker-Playing Reduced to a Science by Chestertown Players.

Just why Chestertown has never had a checker club, is not known. Certain it is that no town in the State of equal size can produce a greater array of what might be termed "scientific players," than may be found right here in Chestertown. These gentlemen have reduced the game to an art—a science. No rambling, makeshift moves characterize their games, but cold, calculating method marks much of the apparent madness on the board. An erratic king may puzzle the understanding of the uninitiated, but Dr. H. Todd, R. F. Parks, H. L. Boyd, J. D. Bruns or any one of the semi-professionals soon catch the drift.

Just who is the strongest in play of this aggregation it is impossible to say, since it is the toss of a penny between any of the players named.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. Hall, of Washington College, left for Wisconsin on Thursday, to attend the funeral of his mother.

Mr. Harry V. Kleff, formerly of Chestertown but at present proprietor of a St. Paul st. Baltimore, eating house, had a lot of clothing stolen from him last week. A colored employe was charged with the stealing.

The pension of Elijah Glenn, one of the twelve survivors of the war of 1812, has been increased to $30 per month. The oldest one of the twelve is 104 years old. Four of them are 100 years old. Two of the number, Elijah Glenn, of Galena, Capt. James Hooper, of Baltimore, are Marylanders.

Miss Lydia Witworth, a student of Washington College, from Elkton, was compelled to return to her home on Saturday because of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lambert returned from their bridal tour on Saturday afternoon via Prices station.

The marriage of Mr. William L Fowler, and Miss Mary Sutton, daughter of the late William T. Sutton, took place at the home of the bride, on Cannon street, yesterday.

Col. William J. Vannort will leave for Washington, D. C., to-morrow to be bresent at the celebration by the Republican clubs of the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. Chief Justice Harlan and other distingushed Americans will be present. Col. Vannort will attend a meeting of the Tennessee Centennial Commissioners on Saturday.

Miss May Nickerson, of Millington, is the guest of Niss Mary Wallis.

Mrs. A. L. Benjamin received a painful fracture of the arm last week, by falling down a flight of steps.

Miss Mary Burchinal, niece of Capt. W. D. Burchinal, and a graduate of Washington College, has been appointed principal of the public school at Westover, Somerset county.

Mr. Willian H. Lambert, Jr., entertained the board of county commissioners, Treasurer W. D. Burchenal and Chas. T. Westcott, Esq., at a sumptuous dinner yesterday.

Prof. William M. Watts, principal of Still Pond public school, has been appointed Justice of the Peace at Still Pond.

OF A SOCIAL NATURE.

The young men of Galena will give a pleasant dance to their lady friends on this (Thursday) evening. The Middletown, Del., band will furnish the music.

The young men of Middletown, Del., will give a delightful dance on Friday, February 19th.

The lovers of the dance of Centreville will enjoy a dance on Tuesday next.

For a number of years past Mr. Wm. E. DeFord has given to his friends an elegant terra in and game supper. The delightful annual event was enjoyed on Tuesday evening. From the very first, the important part of Mrs. DeFord in arranging these annual feasts became apparent, and she was at once conceded the honor of being one of the finest cooks in Kent or Queen Anne counties. A diamond-back is scarcely half a diamond-back when poorly prepared, but a terrapin or duck when prepared by this queen of Kent and Queen Anne county housewives, becomes more than the ordinary every-day morsel of food; it becomes an incomparable luxury, and Mr. and Mrs. DeFord's suppers are now important event's in each year's calendar of pleasures. Mr. DeFord's friends pronounce the supper of Tuesday the most elaborate and delightful he has ever given, while the social features of the occasion were even more pleasant.

The Misses McCauley gave a pleasant dance and card party at their home near Galena, on Friday evening. Whist and dancing were the principal features, and the occasion was one of the most delightful of the present social season. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. B. J. McCauley, the Misses McCauley, Misses Ida and Lula Crow, Susie Edson, Marian Pennington, Miss Schofield and other ladies; Messrs D. J. Nowland, P. G. Wilmer, J. C. Sutton, William and Walter Crow, E. B. Pennington, Jr., Wilson and Robert Cochran and others.

It is not usual that Kent contributes so liberally to social affairs in Queen Anne, as was done on Wednesday of last week, when about thirty persons from Massey's attended a dance at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Quinn, of Centreville. The guests went on the train. An elegant supper was served during the evening, after which sweet music and the delights of the dance, made the hours pass only too rapidly.

Among those present from Massey's were: Mr. and Mrs. Malsberger, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Clough, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ransom, Misses Sadie Loller, Elsie Malsberger, May Maslin, May Donahoe, Katie and Blanche Clough, Mrs. Bendler, of Millington, John Coleman and wife, Misses Conleys, Miss May Green, of Centreville, Wm. Maslin, John Price, James and Thos. Donahoe, Harry Holt, C. Moffett, Thos. and Sau'l Dunn, J. P. Donahue, James, Thos. and Anthony Quinn, James and John Conner, of Masseys, Merritt Miller, of Fairlee.

Miss Sophia Beck entertained a number of friends at her home near Fairlee, on Wednesday evening. After a splendid supper dancing and social pleasures were enjoyed. Those present from Chestertown were: Misses Grace Whaland, Annie Brice, Mabel Graham, Sallie and Isabel Beck; Messrs. Lenox Catlin, Wilbur, John and Holt Eliason, and Joseph Brice.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin R. Durding, were given a delightful surprise at their home in Rock Hall, on Friday evening The home was placed in a state of siege by the host of invading friends and a royal evening of pleasure was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fawcett, were given an enjoyable surprise party at their home between Edesville and Rock Hall, on Thursday evening last. The gay party of surprisers went to the Fawcett home in farm wagons and took possession.

New Advertisements.

Mrs. D. Gruber announces in this issue, that she will sell fresh bread at four cents a loaf, and commencing on Wednesday of next week, will canvass the town every other day with fresh bread. Her bread will be on sale at the stores of Frank McWhorter and Mrs. S. D. Blackway.

Turner & Boyles, have startled the natives for miles around Worton Station, by their wonderfully low prices for high quality goods. These gentleman state that rock-bottom prices first-class goods and their advertisement in the TRANSCRIPT are winning right along.

The young people of Grace Presbyterian church, Kennedyville, are arranging for one of the most thoroughly enjoyable entertainments ever given in the Kennedyville town hall, for the evening of Friday, February 19th. Aunt Charlotte's Maid and a Breach of Promise, two racy plays will be presented by the ladies. Sweet music will also be rendered by home talent. An elegant supper will be given by the ladies on the following evening.

The Sunday school class of Prof Wm Watts, will hold a delightful festival in Krusen's Hall, Still Pond, on Saturday evening, February 13th. This promises to be a charming affair, and a treat is offered to all who attend.

SHORT LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

What is Going on in and About Town.

While under the spell of enthusiasm resulting from reading the TRANSCRIPT's Queen Anne ghost stories, last week, a party of Washington College students formed an investigating committee to "lay the ghosts," forgetful that the mysterious visitors departed over twenty years ago.

Prof. E. J. Clarke is now preparing to put Mary Anderson's great cast in the Lady of Lyons, on the stage. Miss Whaland will appear as the Lady of Lyons, with Prof. Clarke as the hero of the play.

Simon B. Needham, the resurrected St-Peter, addressed audiences at Guests' Opera House, Church Hill, on Tuesday night of last week.

Mr. Elwood Whaley, the artist of the forge, has moved into his pleasant new home on Cross street. With the added changes to Mr. Whaley's place of business, Mr. Joseph Guest has greatly improved and beautified the property.

The board of town commissioners have granted Mr. George W. Smith the privilege to erect temporary quarters for his large stock of goods, on the square adjoining the TRANSCRIPT office, during the time required to tear down the old building and erect the handsome new structure on the site where the present place of Mr. Smith's business now stands. Mr. Ralph Barnett, the barber, will also be forced to vacate his present quarters during the improvement, and will locate temporarily at a convenient point to his patrons. Mr. Eliason has contracted with R. K. Pippin & Sons, and the work will commence about the first of March. The building will be 70x50 feet, of brick, and two stories and a half high.

The muddy roads and the grip, are keeping the lady bicycle brigade into winter quarters.

The members of the board of county commissioners, and Clerk Lambert, who were recently entertained by Col. and Mrs. William J. Vannort, were charmed with their splendid entertainment.

Clerk W. H. Lambert, Jr., was expected to formally launch his clerkship boom at the Almshouse dinner on Wednesday. Did he do it?

In 1872 navigation on Chester river is reported to have closed on the night of December 2nd. This is the earliest date at which the Chester river steamers have been forced to dicontinue their trips because of the ice.

Temporary shedding has been erected on the W. Irving Walker farm by Mr. R. K. Pippin, to take the place of the stable and barn destroyed by fire in December last. As soon as spring opens a large new barn and other necessary buildings will be erected.

A dog belonging to a patron of the postoffice was accidently locked in the office on Saturday, and seeing no other way of exit, dashed through the glass portion of the door, shattering it.

SOCIETY ANNIVERSARIES.

Pleasent Programmes Arranged for Annual Birthday Celebration.

The Philomathean Literary Society of Washington College, will celebrate its seventh anniversary with a banquet and interesting literary programme, at the Watts' House, on Saturday evening. The officers of the society are: president, J. M. White; vice president, A. T. McDorman; recording secretary, P. T. White; corresponding secretary, J. H. Anderson; treasurer, H. U. Clogg; chaplain, T. H. Hudson.

The Mt. Vernon Literary Society of Washington College is now industriously engaged in arranging the final details for the coming celebration of its semi-centennial anniversary. The exercises will extend through four days, beginning on Friday evening, February 19th, and closing on Monday evening, February 22d. On Friday evening a reception will be tendered to the members of the Pieria and Philomathean, its fellow-societies of the college, in its hall. Refreshments on the occasion will be served in the gymnasium by Restaurateur Shuster, of Chestertown. On Saturday evening there will be a contest for gold medals, one for oratory and one for declamation, in the society hall. These medals are the gift of old members of the society, and assure the members of the society that to be once a member of Mt. Vernon is always to be one. With the gifts have come many kind expressions of good will to the time-honored literary organization. In the oratorical contest the speakers will be Messrs. Coulbourne, class '97; Davis, '98; Goldsborough, '99; Graham, 97; Pardee, 98, and Webb, '97. For the medal for declamation the contestants are: Coulbourne, '97; Fowler, '97; Goldsborough, '99; Gullet, '98; Pardee, '98; Sherwood, '98; Sutton, 1900. The medals will be exhibited next week by Mr. Sides, the jeweler. On Sunday morning Rev. W. P. Compton will preach a special sermon before the society in the M. E. Church. On Monday morning there will be the usual celebration of the society in honor of Washington's birthday in the society hall. Henry W. Catlin, Esq., of the Chestertown bar, and an ex-member of Mt. Vernon, will address the society, and declamations will be given by Messrs. Pardee and Sherwood of the society. Special music will be rendered by a college choir. In the evening the society will tender a banquet to the faculty of the college at Shuster's Dining Parlors. The society extends a cordial invitation to its old members and friends to be present on Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings. It hopes that as many old members as possible will make this an occasion of reunion to the society which their efforts have helped to perpetuate.

Mt. Vernon is the oldest college literary society in Maryland, and on more than one occasion father and son have inscribed their names upon its roll. It was formed in 1847 by the first class that ever graduated from the college after its destruction by fire, and nearly every graduate since has been numbered among its members. Some of the best known men of the Eastern Shore received their early training in its halls, and to not a few of these the sweetest memories of college life cluster about "the old society." Last year it challenged the principal college societies of the state to debate. Its sweeping victories over the Philomathean of the college, and the Bancroft, of Baltimore City College, the only two who dared meet it, has given it the championship of the state in debate. The coming celebration, the most elaborate ever attempted at the college, will be but the fitting consummation of fifty years of earnest work.

Still Pond Items.

We are glad to note that Mr. Joseph Clark has recoved from his recent indisposition.

Mrs. Dr. W. S. Maxwell has been quite ill, and her many friends feel much concerned.

The Missionary Annivery will be held in Still Pond M. E. Church next Sunday evening. The program is an excellent one and we hope that the largest collection for missions ever taken in Still Pond, may be received that night.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Harper, of New York, have this week been the guests of Mr. Harry Davis and other Still Pond friends.

BOATS AND BOATMEN.

Midwinter Excursion from Tolchester—News of the Ice.

The steamer Emma Giles will make her special mid-winter excursion to and from Tolchester on Saturday next, February 13, leaving Baltimore at 7 o'clock A. M. and 2.30 P. M., and Tolchester at 9 A. M. and 4.30 P. M. These trips will give three and a half hours in Baltimore, and have always been deservedly popular. Fifty cents for the round trip is the moderate price and will command a liberal patronage.

The steamer Louise, of the Tolchester line, was launched from the shipyard of W. E. Woodall & Co., Baltimore, last week, after having her new wooden hull placed over her iron one. She was towed to her Light-street pier. The steamer Emma Giles was docked at the same yard to finish placing in her new engine and make other improvements. She will be ready to resume her trips February 10.

Navigation practically opened on Chester river on Thursday last with the arrival of the Steamer Gratitude. All wharves on the Chester river, and Rock Hall were made, but no effort was made to go into Centreville.

The steamers Gratitude and Corsica, accompanied as far as the mouth of the Chester by the ice boat, made their trips on Saturday. The Gratitude made the trip to Centreville while the Corsica came to Chestertown making a number of stops. The ice was so gorged in the mouth of the river that the Gratitude found it impossible to make her Kent Island stop, though assisted by the ice boat.

The section of Elkton along the waterfront was threatened on Saturday, and some persons moved from their homes. Ice was banked up ten feet high at several places in Elkton. About 5 o'clock in the afternoon the ice commenced to move down the Elk river. At the foot of Bridge street the ice began to pile up against the iron bridge, backing the water on the marshes and on Water street. An hour later the gorge came with such pressure as to carry away the bridge and all the boats that were tied along the wharves of Scott's Fertilizer Works, Singerley's Pulp Works and Turner's wharf. Among the vessels swept away were the handsome pleasure yacht Impatient, belonging to W. M. Singerly; pleasure yacht Trilby, of Robert Randolph; the large vessel Shell Drake, belonging to Captain Davidson, with numerous smaller vessels and oyster schooners.

The gratitude steamed up to Chestertown after her trip to Centreville on Saturday and remained here until Monday morning, when she left and made the run from Centreville to Baltimore, stopping at Queenstown, Kent Island and Rock Hall.

The B. S. Bord resumed her trips on Tuesday, arriving at the Chestertown wharf at 4 P. M.

ROCK HALL EXPERIENCES.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—One of the city tugboats made an effort on Wednesday of last week to reach Deep Landing, but failed when within half a mile of the wharft owing to the heavy ice. Early on the following day (Thursday) the fierce ice fighter, Gratitude, with her intrepid crew, put in an appearance and made a successful landing at her wharf, much to the gratification of the entire community.

Too much praise can not be given the hervic efforts of the Chester River Company to serve our interests with their magnificent line of steamers.

On Saturday the ice embargo showed signs of a general weakening in consequence of the terrific S. E. wind and rain.

Many of the waterman, in order to secure their boats from danger or being carried by the ice into the bay, worked heroically all day, cutting ice and removing boats to places of safety. Quite a number of duckings occurred. Among the ducked was Capt. S. D. Sewell, who fell through the ice four times during the day. By night the harbor was pretty well cleared of the "Ice King" but on Sunday morning a general blockade was on again, caused by drift ice from the bay, brought in by a strong N. W. wind to the chagrin of every body depending on a livelihood from the water.

The drift net fishermen struck it rich on Friday last, all of them making large catches of rock fish, some catching as many as 500 of what are termed single rock. A bugeye, arriving late in the day from Baltimore, was loaded with the fish, and returned to the City.

Mr. Charles Crouch and two colored men, had a thrilling experience during the N. E. gale that prevailed on Tuesday of last week. They drove down to E. N. Island to look after the safety of their oytering boats, and upon arriving at the shore, found one of their canoes being carried away by a large field of ice. They immediately entered a 16-ft-loog batteau, and went to rescue the canoe, but upon reaching her, found it impossible to return, and were compelled to go to the Queen Anne shore. By hauling their frail craft out on the ice and placing it on two oars to act as runners, the wind then carried them with lightning rapidity across the broad expanse of ice. A number of times during the flying trip, as the boat dashed over rough ice, or opening chasms, some of the men were hurled from their position, but with a death-like grip they managed to hold on and regain the inside of the boat. They were kindly cared for by the gentleman on whose shore they landed. On the following day the two colored men returned to the Kent side on the ice, pushing their small boat before them, but Mr. Crouch could not brave such a return trip, preferring to travel over land by way of Chester bridge. He succeeded in getting home O. K., much to the joy of his family. The canoe was secured in a few days, there being little or no damage done her.

Mr. Charles Gears, had a narrow escape from drowning on last Thursday night. He was crossing the mouth of Huntingfield creek with some tackling for a fishing boat, and as he reached the deepest part of the creek, the ice suddenly gave way beneath him, luckily for him, however, he had two oars, one in had, and as he went down these caught across the hole and under his arms, thus preventing his going entirely under. He managed to get out on his breast, and rolled over and over from the hole, when he retraced his steps to the shore.

Capt. J. F. Stevens put in an appearance on Swan Point last Thursday, and has since been keeping faithful vigil over our oyster bars.

A number of our oyster buyers with their vessels were towed home on Friday afternoon.

Capt. James Middleton has just landed a load of shells for the oystering grounds of the Messrs. Leary, in Greys Inn creek.
—TRANSCRIPT's staff correspondent.

DIED.

HICKMAN.—Entered quietly into rest at her home on Drayton, after a very short illness, Friday night January 29th, 1897 Unity Hickman, wife of A. Hickman, aged 67 years—Funeral from her home. Interment in Still Pond cemetery.

"Grant her, Lord eternal rest, and may perpetual light shine on her."

A FRIEND.

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Guaranteed French Claret 40 cents, Wine 50 cents a bottle.

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Galena Notes.

Capt. Tarbutton is in Baltimore superintending the repairing of the steamer Sassafras. It is reported that the boat will begin her regular trips on the 20th.

A pleasant dance at Mr. B. J. MacCaulley's was much enjoyed one evening last week.

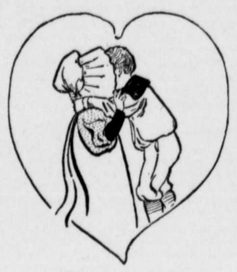
Storms of the past week blew down several of the telephone poles between here and Lambson's station, and broke the wire.

Saturday's storm caused the postponement of the shooting match. Some good prizes were offered.

Galena boasts of having the finest hotel accommodations in the county, owned and kept by Mr. Jeremiah Peacock.

Fox hunting has almost become a craze among us. The hunters are out every day the weather permits.

Among the converts of the noble sport is Dr. Latimer. On Thursday last a fox stopped within three feet of the Dr. and sat down—perhaps he wanted medical aid. M.



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Boys' all-wool Overcoats all reduced nearly one-half price, the same as the men's.

A LOT OF Ladies' Coats and Capes to close at half price.

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Men's Pin Striped Suit, very neat, nicely trimmed, former price $6.00, to close at $4.00

Men's all wool black Cheviot Suits, the regular $10.00 suit, now to go at $6.00

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Boys' all wool suits, ages from 16 to 19 years, from $2.50 to $5.00, all colors and styles, worth twice the money.

Children's Suits, from $1.00 up, all at about half their regular selling price.

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Enterprise Coffee	15c. lb
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Fairbank Soap	2c cake
Colman's Delight Soap	3c. cake
Canned Tomatoes	5c. can
Rumford's Yeast Powder	10c. bot
The best Canned Sugar Corn	5c. can
The best Pure Pepper	10c. lb

FLOUR.

Full Roller Flour	33c sack
Clifton F. F. F. Flour	35c. sack
Hominy	3½c. qt
Good Laundry Starch	4c. lb
Washing Soda	2c. lb

The above is only a very small mention of our immense bargains. We also have a complete line of all kinds of Dry Goods and Notions, Hardware, Tinware, Oil Cloths and many other lines of course too numerous to quote, but you will understand we are selling all these at the same slaughtering prices. Call and see us.

J. J. MORRIS, Jr.,

January 28, 1897. MILLINGTON, MARYLAND.

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Men's	Dark Gray Suits—were $5.00, now	$2.50
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"	All-Wool Suits—were 9.00, now	6.50
"	Imported Clay Worsted Suits—were $10 & 12, now	8.00
"	" Black D. B. Thibet Suits—were 12.00, now	8.50
"	Fine All-wool Cheviot Suits—were 12.00, now	8.50
"	Union Overcoats—were 5.00, now	2.75
"	Blue and Black Overcoats—were 8.00, now	5.50
"	" " Melton—were 10.00, now	7.50
"	Imported Kersey Overcoats—were 15.00, now	10.00

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Respectfully, etc.,

Thomas S. Bordley,

Jan 14, 1897. Corner Clothing Store, Chestertown, Md.

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