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## LOCAL MATTERS.

**Large Sale of Mules.**—Messrs Sapp & Rawleigh sold thirty-eight pairs of fine mules in Chestertown on Tuesday. The highest price paid for a pair of work mules was $231. Mr. Alday Clements bought six pairs of as pretty weanlings as were ever sold in the county, at an average of $93 per pair.

**First Shelled Corn Shipments.**—Though considerable quantities of corn on the cob have been shipped from Kent, so far as known Mr. Robert R. Hatcherson is the first one to make any considerable shipment of shelled corn. This gentleman delivered 400 bushels to Mr. W. Harrison Newnam, on Tuesday of last week, and on the same day shipped 500 bushels.

**Change of Mail Schedule.**—Through the instrumentality of Postmaster Jos. N. Wheatley, the schedule time for the departure of the Rock Hall mail from Chestertown has been changed from 2 o'clock P. M. to 1 o'clock. This, while inconveniencing no one, will give an advantage of one hour in point of time to the patrons of the Pomona, Lankford, Edesville and Rock Hall postoffices.

**The Tolchester Company Sued.**—Charles F. Herbert, father of Charles H. Herbert, who fell overboard and was drowned from Tolchester wharf last summer, has, through his attorneys, J. C. France and A. S. J. Owens, sued the Tolchester Beach Improvement Company for $10,000 damages. It is claimed that proper guard rails and lights were not provided by the company to ward off accidents.

**A Natural Consequence.**—Some weeks ago Messrs. Rawley & Co. the bustling poultry and stock buyers of Lynch's station, placed a business card in the TRANSCRIPT. Mr. Rawley wrote under date of yesterday: "Dear Sirs.—I am glad to state that our business is rapidly increasing. During the holidays bought and sold 5,800 pounds of poultry. Highest price paid for turkeys was 13 cents. We expect to place in your paper an extra add for the Christmas holidays."

**No Danger from Diphtheria.**—Master Harry Hurlock, who has been reported as suffering with diphtheria, is getting along nicely and is rapidly recovering. It is a mistake that the young man was at school on Monday previous to being taken sick. A strict quarantine has been observed and no danger exists relative to a spread of the disease. All communication between the home and Mrs. Hurlock's store has been stopped and all possible danger to patrons at the store is shut off.

**Had Not Heard of the Confession.**—A gentleman who frequently visits Kent and who read the confession of Gibbs relative to the murder of Sam'l Rash, in the TRANSCRIPT, last week met Tom Brown on the street in Baltimore and asked him if he had heard of Gibbs' statement to the effect that he went with him (Brown) to Rash's house for the purpose of murder on the night before the murder actually took place? Brown said that he had not heard of it, and was not sufficiently interested in the matter to wait for a statement of the published confession.

**Rode Up Stairs.**—One of the perplexing questions which presented itself upon the appearance of the dog and pony show at Stam's Hall on Monday, was as to how the pony was to be gotten up stairs. A great crowd assembled outside the hall to watch the performance, when, to the astonishment of all, the man who brought the pony from the station deliberately rode it up the steep stairway and into the hall. His ponyship was then given comfortable quarters in the ladies' dressing-room. The yelping of the dogs as they were brought through town attracted the attention of and brought forth the howls of a score of local curs, and a canine bedlum existed for a short time.

**Found an Engagement Ring.**—On the night of the burning of the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Stephens in Worton, Mrs. Stephens during the excitement lost her engagement ring. The natural inference was that the ring had been melted in the fire and all hope of its recovery was abandoned. Mr. Wm. Dugan, who is at work on the new building being erected on the site of the one destroyed noticed, within about fifteen feet of the old foundation a bright object, which investigation disclosed to be the long lost treasure of Mrs. Stephens, the missing wedding ring. Evidently the ring was lost from her finger after escaping from the burning house. Mr. Dugan at once communicated with Mrs. Stephens at her home in Baltimore.

**A Sad Death.**—The death of Miss Jane Gooding came as a profound shock to a wide circle of friends yesterday morning. Miss Gooding after a protracted and dangerous illness of peritonitis at the home of her uncle, Mr. Thos. J. Shaflicross, had recovered sufficiently to be able to sit up in her room, and about three weeks ago came to the home of her mother at Goose Hill. About ten days ago alarming symptoms manifest themselves and blood poisoning set in which resulted in the death of this very estimable young lady at one o'clock on Wednesday morning. Miss Gooding had taught school for several years at Locust Grove and one or two years at Flatlands, and was one of the most efficient instructors of the young in the county.

**Building Operations.**—Contractors R. K. Pippin & Sons state that they have completed a large granary and stable on the Walker farm, in Queen Anne, occupied by Mr. A. Spear. The building will afford accommodations for ten horses, and has ample granary room, feed room and other conveniences. It will be remembered that the comparatively new barn on this farm was destroyed by fire last fall, together with all of Mr. Spear's long fodder and a quantity of corn. The Messrs. Pippin on Monday commenced work on the new residence of Mrs. Bacon, on the William Stephens farm, in Worton. The handsome home on this farm was destroyed by fire in the late summer. The same contractors are putting the finishing touches on the Kemp residence on Washington avenue. The work will be completed in about two weeks.

**Constables Named.**—The newly organized board of county commissioners on Tuesday appointed Mr. John Duyer a constable in and for the sixth district. Mr. Duyer was appointed under the law providing for the appointment of county officers in the event of a redistricting or change of old district lines. Mr. Duyer was a constable under the old democratic board and though one of the most faithful constables in the county was removed by a republican board because, it was claimed by the republicans, of the character of the bond offered. Whether or not the same bond will impress a democratic board as irresponsible remains to be seen. Mr. Duyer now has a $5,000 damage suit pending against the old board for his removal upon, he claims, political grounds. Mr. A. O. Jones was appointed a constable in and for the third district and Mr. George W. Dill in and for the fourth district.

**Judge Pearce Will Qualify.**—Judge-Elect James A. Pearce on Tuesday made his final arguments at Annapolis as a member of the bar of the Court of Appeals, before taking his seat as judge. A full bench was present except the Judge from the Second Judicial Circuit, whose seat was vacant, and this will be the chair Judge Pearce will occupy when he assumes the judicial office. The case in which Judge Pearce appeared was the Baltimore Building and Loan Association vs. the Powhatan Improvement Company, of Baltimore, and others. The main question is whether or not members who have been in the association six months could, on 30 days' notice, withdraw their funds and receive the interest due on what they had paid in. The Powhatan Company claims that 10 cents on each 60 cents paid in should be retained for operating expenses. The Baltimore Building Association, represented by Judge Pearce, lost the case below and appealed. The Baltimore Association claims that the six-month members were entitled to withdraw without paying the 10 cents claimed. Judge Pearce has qualified before the Governor, but will not take the oath of office, it is understood, until next week. His commission is held at the Executive Department for his convenience.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

### Bits of News and Gossip Gathered Here, There and Everywhere.

*¦* The dog poisoner has gotten in his work this week. A valuable puppy belonging to Mr. John H. Aldridge, and another dog, were victims on Monday morning.

*¦* Mr. Robert Moffett has added to his herd of dairy cattle by the purchase of five of the finest registered Jerseys from the herd of Mr. James H. Baker. To secure the advantages of both quantity and quality of milk Mr. Moffett will cross his herd with a registered Holstein.

*¦* One of the handsomest milk wagons ever seen in Kent has just been completed by Mr. Henry DeFord for Mr. Robert Moffett, to be placed on his Chestertown milk route. The wagon is a model of convenience and a beauty to look upon.

*¦* Three children of Mr. W. S. Shockley, of Worton station, were attacked by a mad dog while walking along the public road last week. The dog snapped a small trough which the children were carrying but the little ones escaped. The dog was afterwards killed by Mr. Isaac Duyer.

*¦* Mr. Thomas J. Parsons, of Edesville, is nursing several crushed fingers, the result of catching his hand in the cogs of a wheat drill. The injury, though painful, is not serious.

*¦* The Athletic Association of Washington College is at work upon a drama which is to be presented just before the Xmas holidays. The play selected is "David Garrick," one of the standard dramas of the day. It is one of Barrett's pieces, and contains as strong a plot as any play on the American stage to-day. The success of the association in the dramatic line is so well known that a mere mention of its entertainment is enough to insure a large and select audience.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Horace Reed and Miss Mollie Parks, of Chestertown, were married last night at the residence of the bride's father, by Mr. Gill.

Mrs. Jacob Tome last week entertained Bishop Walden, of Cincinnati; Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Compton, Mrs. Fahnestock and others.

The twins of Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Compton were baptized by Bishop Walden, in Tome M. E. Church, Port Deposit. The names given them were William Penn and Alexander Fahnestock. About 80 persons have been converted during the revival services in Mr. Compton's church this fall.

Mr. Harrison W. Vickers, Jr., has been elected captain of the Delaware College football team for the next season. Mr. Vickers is of the class of '99 and is one of the most vigorous, dashy players in the State of Delaware. Captain Vickers and Mr. George Vickers, both students of Delaware College, spent the Thanksgiving season at home.

The young men of Chestertown gave a pleasant impromptu dance at Stam's Hall on Friday evening, Mrs. Turner, Miss Hurtt and other ladies presiding at the piano.

Mrs. Turner, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. France, High street. Mrs. Turner has a voice of magnificent scope and sweetness and her visits are always a source of great pleasure to a wide circle of admirers and friends, for she is never more pleased than when giving to others the benefit of her priceless treasure of song.

Prof. Thomas D. Bowers, assistant principal of the St. Michaels High School, spent Thanksgiving at home.

James W. Chapman, Jr., of the Baltimore bar, spent several days of last week with his father in Chestertown.

Mr. Walter W. Perkins, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Eliason.

Miss Alice Healy, of Baltimore, spent Thanksgiving with her Aunt, Mrs. Wm. A. Pippin, on Market Space. Miss Healy has made many warm friends during her visits in Chestertown.

One of the most pleasant Thanksgivings in Chestertown took place in the home of Mr. Jacob F. Thompson. Mr. Thompson's sisters, Miss M. Julia, of Wilmington; Miss Coe, of Harrisburg, and Miss Georgia, of Philadelphia, came down to enjoy the reunion. But one member of the family, a married sister, was absent. Mr. Thompson had not seen his sister, Miss Georgeia, who went away to school when quite a child, for five years, and being somewhat late in meeting the train met and passed his sister on the street without knowing her.

Miss Coe Thompson delighted the large congregation at Christ M. P. Church at the Union Thanksgiving services, by the extreme sweetness of her singing. Miss Thompson's naturally fine voice has by careful training reached a high degree of excellence. Miss Julia Thompson, the rich sweetness of whose voice has for years been a source of delight to Chestertown lovers of fine music, also sang on the same occasion.

Miss Bertha Whitworth, of Elkton, spent Thanksgiving with her sister at the college.

Dr. Charles H. Medders, eye, ear and throat specialist, has removed his office to 317 N. Charles street, Baltimore. Dr. Medders is a brother of Mr. Wm. Medders, of Still Pond, and has many friends in Kent.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Poe Gilpin, of Baltimore, and Mr. Henry Clay Brown, of Fort Worth, Texas, on Wednesday evening, December fifteenth, at seven o'clock, at Grace P. E. Church, Baltimore. Miss Gilpin has been a frequent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hynson and has a wide acquaintance and many warm friends in Kent. Mr. Brown is a young Chestertown business man who is working out most enviable success of his business career in the southwest.

Rev. Charles A. Hill, pastor of Ebenezer M. E. Church, Easton, has accepted an invitation to become the pastor of Asbury M. E. Church, Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman B. Massey celebrated their wooden wedding at their beautiful country home near Massey's, Tuesday evening. Miss Minnie Massey and Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Catlin were present from Chestertown.

## MATRIMONIAL EVENTS.

### Two Pretty Fall Weddings Celebrated and Happy Couples Start Lifes Journey Together.

The marriage of Mr. W. Finley Collins and Miss Elizabeth Boyer Cacy, the daughter of Mrs. Mary O. Cacy, of Millington, was solemnized in the P. E. Chapel, Millington, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Rev. Albert Ware officiating. Miss Nettie O. Crane, organist of Christ P. E. Church, Baltimore, played the wedding march. The bride, gowned in white satin, en train, with tulle veil looped with lilies of the valley, carrying a handsome bouquet of bride roses and lillies of the valley, and leaning on the arm of her brother, William, of Tepan, N. Y., preceded by the ushers, Messrs. William Crane, of Baltimore, and E. Thomas Massey, of Georgetown; Hallie Crane Collins, the little flower girl dressed in white mulle over pale blue silk and carrying a basket of bridesmaid's roses, and Miss Marie Cacy wearing white organdie over pink silk, entered the church and were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. William S. Collins, of Queen Anne's county. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Collins left on the 3 o'clock train for a trip North. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Boyer, of Middletown, Del.; Mrs. Henrietta Crane, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. John Crane, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emory, of Centreville; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Slay, Mrs. R. D. Hynson and daughter, Miss Carrie Hynson and Miss Minnie Massey, Chestertown, and a large circle of friends from Millington and other sections of this and Queen Anne's county.

The Catholic Church of St. Dennis, Galena, Md., was completely filled at 5 P.M. on Wednesday, Nov. 24th, to witness an interesting wedding ceremony to be performed by Rev. Miles J. McManus, rector of the church, according to the solemn and impressive ritual of the Catholic Church. The main altar was tastefully decorated bright with flowers and chrysanthemums and lighted by numerous candles. The happy couple and contracting parties were Miss M. Theresa Schofield, only daughter of Capt. Jno. G. Schofield, of Still Pond, and Mr. Howard V. Woodall, son of the late Capt. E. B. Woodall, of Kent county. The maid of honor was Miss Cecelia McCauley and the best man John T. Schofield, brother of the bride. The ushers were Messrs. Wm. Medders, Wilson Cochran, Andrew Wilson and Unit Horsey. The organist, Miss Genevieve McCauley. Prior to the arrival of the bridal party at the church Lohengrin's "Bridal Chorus" and other selections were rendered on the organ. The happy bride was becomingly attired in blue silk and carried Bride Roses, and proceeded up the aisle on the arm of her elder brother, Mr. J. Otto Schofield, and was met at the altar rail by the groom and his best man, they proceeding from the vestry, followed by two altar boys and the Rev. Rector. The Sanctuary gates were opened, the bridal party entering knelt on the altar steps, where the marriage ceremony was performed, the ushers remaining at the altar rail during the solemn rites. Mendelssohn's Wedding March was rendered as the bridal party entered and left the church. During the performance of the marriage rite selections from "O Promise Me," alternating with "I Promise Thee," were rendered on the organ in subdued tones. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Rev. Rector, in a forcible and eloquent manner, addressed at some length the newly married couple and congregation present. Among other things beside congratulations to the happy couple he spoke on the responsibility and import of the Christian marriage, it being, he said, much more than a civil contract, and was raised by Christ himself to the dignity of a sacrament at the marriage feast celebrated at Cana of Galilee, when Jesus sanctified marriage and performed his first public miracle of changing water into wine. He counseled all to keep God in their homes by leading truly Christian lives. He referred to the evils of the divorce courts, as sanctioned by the several States. Quoting the scriptural injunction, "What God has joined together let no man put asunder," he classed divorce and intemperance as the twin evils of our modern social order. A supper and reception followed at the residence of the bride's parents in Still Pond at 8 P. M.

## FROM ROCK HALL.

### "Oyster Farming" Discussed by An Oysterman.

Merchants at Rock Hall and vicinity are making elaborate preparations and expect to excell all former Christmas displays.

Modest but energetic efforts are in operation to make the coming Christmas festivities and joys more thoroughly enjoyable in the homes, churches, social organizations, and between friends and neighbors, than ever before.

Mrs. William G. Hindes, after a long illness of consumption, yielded to the demands of the grim reaper on Tuesday morning of last week, aged about 48 years. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, of South Rock Hall. Besides a husband and five or six children, four brothers, George, James, Jackson and William Davis, and two sisters, Mrs. Wm. J. Hudson and Mrs. Charles J. Reiche, survive to mourn her loss.

A new menace (in this section) now confronts the oyster industry. Oysters in Chester river, as far up as Hall Point and Swan Point bar, have become bloody. It is said that this disease does not really affect the quality of the bivalve, but very many people look upon oysters in this condition as being in an unhealthy condition and poisonous as a food. Consequently the sale of our oysters will be very much affected the balance of the season. What causes the disease, or how long it may run, no one here can tell.

Oyster cultivation is being discussed among our oystermen and others here. Oyster farming is one of the most needed means of building up the industry in Kent and Queen Anne's. It has been the making of various sections of the Shore, as can be attested to upon investigation, and the sooner our people recognize that fact the better it will be for them. Many oystermen have an aversion to any legislation looking to the cultivation of oysters, fearing that such will lead to the sale or lease of our bars to money "sharks" and deprive us of our free and independent mode of obtaining a livelihood. Oyster cultivation will sooner or later, in the opinion of many, be the only means left for the support of a dense population on the Chesapeake. Oyster farming is not a chimerical idea by any means, but a practical business, and if our people will only put their shoulders to the wheel success will crown their efforts. Let us, then, be reasonable and not be too impatient of results. Let us, if we will, make our bays and rivers the garden spot of the country, so far as the oyster is concerned. To do this we must be patient and not be too anxious for immediate results. Let us, if we will, be independent of the world in the matter of oysters. We can, if we will, make our waters yield us a revenue, not only from the oyster we can raise, but from the thousands of visitors who will come to our waters during the season to enjoy the delicious bivalve in its native waters. Let us, then, be up and doing, and success will crown our efforts. Let us, if we will, be independent of the world in the matter of oysters. We can, if we will, make our waters yield us a revenue, not only from the oyster we can raise, but from the thousands of visitors who will come to our waters during the season to enjoy the delicious bivalve in its native waters. Let us, then, be up and doing, and success will crown our efforts.

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## Kennedyville News.

The "Harvest Home" services at the M. P. Church on Sunday last, were largely attended and were very interesting both morning and evening. The church was decorated with evergreen and flowers, while many fine specimens of vegetables, a basket of large ears of corn and a bunch of wheat were conspicuous within the chancel rail. The pastor's discourses were appropriate to the occasion and much appreciated by the audience.

The M. P. Sunday school is preparing for a Christmas entertainment and treat for the children.

Misses Emma Shafer and Nellie Barwick were both home during the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Webb attended the wedding of Miss Laura Hammond at St. Georges, Del., yesterday.

Mr. Chas. L. Gill, removed to Chestertown on Tuesday to take the office of deputy sheriff. It is stated that Rev. Kent M. Bull will occupy the dwelling vacated by Mr. Gill.

BON JOUR.

## OUR DEMOCRATIC PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY.

### Good Likenesses and Interesting Sketches of Some of the Officials Who Will Administer our Local Affairs.

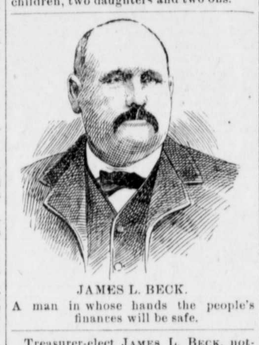
The TRANSCRIPT takes no small degree of pleasure in presenting strikingly good likenesses and interesting sketches of the democratic officials who have been elected by handsome majorities of the people to assume the reins in the administration of the local affairs of Kent county. The democracy of Kent has every reason for pride in its official personnel. Two years ago the people of the county saw proper to experiment along the line of county officials, and on November 2d, the first opportunity, saw fit to reverse their work of 1895, and change a republican majority of 417 last year to democratic majorities ranging from 63 to 140. It is with just pride then that the democracy of the county points to this vindication of its long official record, and it is therefore without apologies that we present the likenesses and records of the gentlemen into whose hands county affairs will hereafter be entrusted.

JAMES T. DIXON.
Champion of the Young Democracy of Kent.

JAMES T. DIXON, the new clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county, is a son of that veteran democrat and highly esteemed citizen, the late Thomas P. Dixon. The subject of this sketch was born in 1857 on the old Dixon home farm, about one and a half miles from Chestertown, and on which he spent all of his active business career as an agriculturalist until moving to Chestertown in 1894 in response to the demand upon his time made by the duties of his office as Register of Wills. He is therefore just forty years of age. His education was received in the public schools and at Washington College. A descendant of the purest democratic stock, he has always been an unwavering democrat and has accepted every opportunity to battle in her behalf. Though never a professional politician and office seeker, as early as 1889 the democratic nominating convention nominated him by acclamation as its candidate for county commissioner, which honor he declined and at the same time came out in a published card pledging his support in behalf of his party's nominees.

In 1891 Mr. Dixon entered the contest for the nomination of Register of Wills, won the nomination and was elected by a handsome majority. His administration of the affairs of the office was one which reflected honor not alone upon his own efficiency but upon the party whose official representative he was. By his uniform courtesy and attention to all, he won the esteem and confidence of the public without regard to politics. In April last, at the earnest request of a host of friends, Mr. Dixon announced his candidacy for the clerkship nomination, and so numerous were his friends that his nomination was made without opposition, and he led the local ticket against that supposed invincible leader of the republican ranks, Capt. Wm. D. Burchinal. He prides himself upon being the champion of the young democracy of Kent, and since his latest triumph is styled by his friends "Fighting Jim Dixon."

The new clerk will give to the county an administration of the affairs of the clerk's office above criticism and of which his party may be justly proud. He is a man of family and has a wife and four children, two daughters and two sons.



JAMES L. BECK.
A man in whose hands the people's finances will be safe.

Treasurer-elect JAMES L. BECK, notwithstanding the fact that he will not take charge of his office until June of 1898, belongs in the present list as sharing with his party the fruits of one of the greatest victories within the history of the democracy of Kent. He is a son of the late Horace Beck, and was born in Broad Neck in 1851. After completing his education at the public school and at Washington College, he started out in his career as an agriculturist on the old Beck homestead. First of all he is a democrat, next a man of, for and with the people, and next in order a farmer. Affable in manners and generous to a fault, Mr. Beck is popular to an unusual extent, and, as was shown by the recent campaign, he is a fighter of remarkable staying qualities. He was never before the people as a candidate until he took the field as a candidate for Treasurer this year. Mr. Beck married Miss Alverda Brice; a daughter of Mr. John Brice, who still adorns and makes of his home one of the most charming places to visit in the county. He has three children, two daughters and a son.

CLARENCE S. HURLOCK.
The Democratic Napoleon of the first district.

REGISTER OF WILLS CLARENCE S. HURLOCK is one of the most picturesque political figures in the first district or possibly in the county. Mr. Hurlock is a Napoleon when it comes to a political battle. He is a son of Samuel Hurlock, a prosperous farmer and staunch democrat of Cecil county. The elder Hurlock lived in Kent until 1881 when he moved to Cecil. The present Register of Wills was born on the old Hurlock Home Farm, near Massey's in 1851, was educated at the Massey's public school, at the Millington Academy, at a school in Smyrna, and finished his education at the State Normal School at Millersville, Pa. He came home in 1869 and took the Money farm which he continues to carry on. Affable and courteous he has from early manhood figured as a power in his district and has always shown himself irrepressible in a conflict with the common political foe. In April 1892 he was appointed County Treasurer by the County Commissioners for a term of two years, but until the past fall was never a candidate before the people for a political office, and the splendid showing of the first district is a lasting tribute to his tireless energies. He now carries on two farms, has for four years conducted a large fruit packing establishment near Massey's during fruit season, and has a large saw mill in Queen Anne. Mr. Hurlock is a man of family and has a wife and four children, three girls and one son.

BEDFORD ROE.
An irrepressible fighter and a faithful public servant.

Sheriff BEDFORD ROE is now known as the "Little Napoleon" of the second district democracy. The new sheriff is nothing if not a stirring, aggressive fighter in the interest of his party. He was born a democrat and was reared in the faith by his father, Sylvester Roe, a successful farmer and Jeffersonian democrat of Cecil county. Bedford Roe was born in "Middle Neck," Cecil county in 1846, and in 1873 came to Kent and soon became one of the representative citizens in the county of his adoption. The campaign of 1895, when he was a candidate for a county commissionership, was the first political fight in which his personal interests were directly involved. Because of a general disaffection which sunk others in disaster, after a splendid campaign Mr. Roe was defeated. This year he again came to the front as the successful candidate for the sheriffalty, and made the great fight of his life. An eminently satisfactory administration of the sheriff's office is assured to the people. Mr. Roe will remain on his farm, but has an office at the jail, where he will be found much of the time, and will never be absent to the neglect of his office or its responsibilities. He is a widower and has eight children.

GEO. E. NOLAND.
Champion of the oystermen and the whole people.

GEORGE E. NOLAND, one of Kent's representives in the next Legislature, though a gentleman of conceded strength and popularity, was scarcely known in the general political life of the county, though for years past he has been a tower of strength in his home district. He was born at Sassafras, Kent county, thirty-nine years ago, and is a son of the late Benedict Noland, a tailor by trade. Young Noland attended the public schools and by industry and availing himself of every leisure moment acquired, as best he could, an education. In 1883 he opened a store at Fairlee but subsequently sold out the business and opened a store at Lankford, and about twelve years ago became the representative of the valuable interests of the Tolchester Beach Company. Mr. Noland is distinctly a man of the people and during his entire career has been in closest sympathy with the masses, the bread-winners of his county and State. Though a democrat from principle and not for spoils, this sterling representative has never had political aspirations and it was only at the earnest solicitations of numberless friends that he was induced to enter the contest this year. The people's interests are safe in the hands of this gentleman. The wife who now adorns his home was Miss Bramble before marriage. They have one child, an interesting little boy.

DR. E. G. CLARK was born in Kent county, Delaware, February 1844, and lived and worked on a farm until the death of his father which occurred when he was about 18 years of age. After the death of his father he decided to devote his time for a while at least to educational pursuits, and attended public school at Burlington, New Jersey, for two years, afterwards he engaged in teaching school in his native State and did so until he had prepared himself for a course of lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated March 1867. He then located in Fairfield county, Ohio, and practiced medicine for a few months, then returned home and in January, 1868, located in Millington where he now lives and continued in active practice until 1881. Since that time he has been engaged in farming as well. He married Miss Mary P. Johnson, daughter of the late Col. Richard C. Johnson, February, 1874, and is the father of three children. It is deeply regretted that we are unable to present the likeness of Representative E. G. Clark. Dr. Clark has not had a photograph taken in years, and a cut could not in consequence be secured.

SAMUEL TODD.
A worthy representative of the first district Democracy.

PRESIDENT SAMUEL TODD, of the reorganized democratic board of County Commissioners, was at the first meeting of the new board chosen its president, an honor which his associates in office honored themselves in conferring. Mr. Todd is a son of the late William Todd, a prominent citizen and representative democrat of New Castle county, Del., but who came to Kent in 1858. The interesting subject of this sketch was born in Philadelphia, was educated in the public schools of New Castle, and came to Kent with his parents in 1858. He spent the first six years of his life in Kent, on the Shrewsbury farm, then went to the George W. Spencer farm, near Galena, where he lived thirty-one years. Democracy was handed down to the young farmer as a goodly heritage from his ancestors on both sides and he has remained in the faith with unwavering loyalty. In 1895 he was one of the fortunate few who survived the great political upheaval which swept over Maryland. He has a wife, Miss Katie Ireland, of Chestertown, before marriage, and two children, S. Harry Todd, who lives near Tolchester, and Miss Dora Todd, who lives at home with her parents.

The following is a good picture of Mr. George W. Hatcherson, a prominent hold-over member of the old board of commissioners and one of the members of the levy court who weathered the political storm of 1895. Mr. Hatcherson is a son of the late Bartus P. Hatcherson, a successful farmer and life-long democrat of Kent county. The subject of this sketch was born in the upper part of Chestertown in 1845, and received the major part of his education at the Chestertown public school. As a young man he commenced farming on the Buckingham farm, in Morgan Creek Neck, where he lived one year, then moved to "Milk Toddy Hall," and fifteen years ago purchased and moved to his own handsome property, near old Hynson's Chapel. As a farmer he was exceptionally successful, while as a citizen and broad minded man of affairs he has no superiors. Always a democrat, the eminent qualifications of this gentleman in several campaigns suggested him as a suitable candidate for the position which he has so acceptably filled during the past two years, but he persistently refused. Six years ago he came to Chestertown, having purchased the handsome Plummer property, adjoining the Methodist Protestant Church. Soon after coming to town he was selected a member of the Democratic County Central Committee, in which capacity he served for four years. In selecting the candidates for the great battle of 1895 his was one of the logical names which promptly suggested themselves. The nomination was tendered and accepted, and Mr. Hatcherson was one of the few democrats who escaped defeat. Mr. Hatcherson married a daughter of the late Robt. Nicholson, and his devoted wife participates in his business successes and political honors with as much or even greater satisfaction than does the husband.

GEORGE W. HATCHERSON.
The man who rode out the political storm of 1895.

JOSEPH R. USILTON.
The man who delivered the knock-out blow to two candidates in his district.

Mr. JOSEPH R. USILTON, the new member of the commissioners' board from the third district, is one of those sterling democrats whose popularity, though great before the election was not fully appreciated even among his own personal friends. He is a son of the late Lewin and Harriet M. Usilton, and was born at "The Lots," in Worton. Educated at the country school near his home, and in early manhood having adopted a farmer's life and commencing his career on the "Green Point" farm, the subject of our sketch is in its strictest sense an agriculturist and a man of the people. Always a democrat, his first political office was as assistant custodian in the Baltimore postoffice by appointment of Murray Vandiver. He always took an active part in party affairs but until the present year, when in response to a call of the people he accepted a place on the ticket and made a magnificent battle for the election of the entire ticket, he was never a candidate for any elective office. His selection was one entirely acceptable to the people and his official record will be in every way satisfactory. He has a wife but no children.

THOMAS J. FLETCHER.
The latest star in the political sky of the gallant fifth.

THOMAS J. FLETCHER, the successor of Mr. Samuel J. Vickers in the board of county commissioners, is a new but prominent figure in local democratic politics. Mr. Fletcher was born in Broad Neck in the latter fifties, and is a son of the late W. J. Fletcher. He was educated at the public school near his home and as a young man worked on the farm, but later adopted his father's trade as a carpenter. About ten years ago he accepted a position at Tolchester under Superintendent Noland, but continued to work at his trade during the closed season at the Beach. He was a candidate for the sheriffalty nomination in 1895, but being defeated, with that unwavering regard for the wishes of his party and an abiding faith in the wisdom of the majority, he took off his coat and worked with a will for the election of the whole ticket. When defeat came and the future looked most unpromising, he remained at his post with a loyalty which commended itself to the organization to which he belonged. His character for sobriety and truth is such as to commend him to the entire people. His campaign was a revelation to his friends and his home district honored him with the magnificent majority of 130 votes. He is a safe man in any place to which his party may assign him. Mr. Fletcher is unmarried, and with a devotion worthy an ideal manhood has remained a shield and protector to an aged mother.

## BETTERTON ITEMS.

### A Building Boom in and Around Hustling Betterton.

High prices for wheat and proceeds from a large crop of pears, have put in circulation in this neighborhood a good deal of money, and in consequence the stores at Still Pond and Betterton are realizing what it means to have prosperity. The old cry of hard times is seldom heard and everybody wears rather a smile than a discontented countenance. Carpenters, masons and the laboring class of people are finding plenty of work, mechanics especially being in great demand. Building has taken more of a boom than for several years and a number of houses and barns are going up.

Messrs. G. E. Owens, Joseph H. Crew and L. H. P. Vansant have recently finished a dwelling for Leonard Pennington, at Kennedyville, and a barn for R. T. Turner, Jr. Wm. A. Crew has contracted to build a dwelling for Mrs. Ewel Wilmer, and in a few days will have completed one of the prettiest little residences in this place. In addition to this, Mr. Crew will this week build a small tenant house on the farm occupied by Mr. Thos. Bradley. G. W. Owens, ex-commissioner of the third district, is adding an addition to the residence of Mr. N. J. Trott. Captain J. C. Schofield and Joseph C. Bowers have just completed a ten horse stable for Mr. C. H. Price, and in a few days will begin the erection of a dwelling for Mr. Medford, in Still Pond. Stavely & Bowers have added an extra wing to the farm house owned by Mr. Frank Morris, on the Thomas Hill farm, and have contracted with Mr. James S. Harris for several small outbuildings on his farms. Wm. B. Price is making some improvements in the way of building on his neat little farm near Still Pond. R. A. Moore has built himself a snug little home at Betterton. The work was done by W. A. Crew. John Smith, mason, re-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ports that he has more work than he can do and is working at night as well as during the day to finish up ahead of cold weather.

Turner & Son have received several large cargoes of lumber from North Carolina and the West this season, and report the best lumber business they have had for a number of years. They are carrying a considerable stock and having bought direct from the manufacturers and are selling lumber as close as city houses. The carpenters in this section find it equally as advantageous in prices to buy at home, and at the same time they have a chance to see the stock before buying.

## ANOTHER HOMICIDE.

### William Hynson, a Colored Youth, Killed, and His Stepfather, James Thompson, Charged with Having Fired the Fatal Shot.

A shooting affray occurred at about 12 o'clock midnight on Saturday, at Castletown, an extensive colored settlement near Mehtota, as a result of which Wm. Hynson, a colored boy of seventeen years of age, was instantly killed. James Thompson, who is about 28 years of age and is a stepfather to the boy, claiming to have fired the fatal shot, came to Chestertown, arriving here about 5 o'clock on Sunday morning, called Sheriff Casey up, and stating that he had killed a man, surrendered himself and was lodged in jail. Coroner Geo. R. Rouse on Sunday morning went to Castletown and held an inquest. The body of the dead boy was found in the road where he had been shot down, having remained untouched until the arrival of the county officers.

From the testimony it was learned that on Saturday night a festival was being held at Jeff Wilson's, and some intoxicants were within easy access of the place. Among the many who attended the festival were James Thompson, aged 28, his wife, who was a widow of John Hynson, her son, Willie Hynson, aged 17, and a cousin, Sis Carter. One statement has it that a fracas occurred, and during the trouble Sis Carter had a fit and some one exclaimed: "I'll put seven balls in her if she bites me!"

James Thompson heard this and immediately went for Sis' father, Lem Carter, aged 56. These two returned to find the girl gone, so they again went to their homes, loaded their guns and started back to the festival. Jim Thompson exclaimed, as he loaded his gun:

"I'll kill the man who is with Sis if he's no bigger than a bird."

Before Thompson and Carter reached the festival they met the girl in company with Willie Hynson, the step-son of Thompson. The latter remarked to the girl that she ought to be ashamed of herself for getting drunk, and told her to go on home. Willie spoke up and cursed Thompson for meddling, and, pulling Sis away, started up the road, followed by the two men armed with guns, and the mother. Soon more cursing commenced and Thompson was fired upon by Hynson, the former remarking that he felt the powder. Thompson returned the charge, killing Willie Hynson. The murderer went home, left his gun and came to the jail here, arriving in town about 5 A. M. He remarked to the sheriff that he had killed a man over a woman.

Lemuel Carter was arrested as an accomplice and lodged in jail on Sunday afternoon. When seen at the jail the men made the following statement as to the affair:

James Thompson said: "When I met Will Hynson and Sissie Carter on the road I said to Sissie Carter you ought to be ashamed of yourself to get drunk like you are. To this Hynson asked me what I had to do with it? and I told him I had nothing to do with it, but Sissie ought to be ashamed of herself. Hynson then drew his pistol and saying 'I will give you something to do with it,' pointed the pistol at me and snapped it twice, and the third time it went off. I backed off from him until I got against a wire fence and could get no further; all the time Hynson was advancing toward me and had shot at me three times and was still trying to shoot me. I had to do something, so I put up my gun and shot him." When asked what he was doing with the gun, he replied that he had it to shoot a dog which was in the habit of running out to the road at him whenever he went by the house, and that once the dog bit him. In reply to the question of what he did after he shot Hynson, he said: "I went home, put my gun in the house and came here to the jail and gave myself up to the sheriff."

Lemuel Carter, father of Sissie Carter, who was arrested on Sunday as an accessory to the murder, when seen by a TRANSCRIPT representative, said: "There was a general row at the time; people were shooting and swearing and women were squealing and crying. I was standing so close to Will Hynson when he was shooting at Thompson that the powder burnt the side of my face, and I told him to look out how he shot or he might shoot me. "Thompson," he said, "was compelled to shoot