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LOCAL MATTERS.

Rev. Sam Jones.—Dr. C. A. Grise has made arrangements to have Rev. Sam Jones preach in the Chestertown M. E. Church on Tuesday, May 10th.

Contract Awarded.—Mr. W. W. Hubbard on Tuesday contracted with Mr. Wm. Malin to build fifteen two-story houses on his vacant lot in Lynchburg. Mr Malin will commence work on April 1st.

End of a Long Lawsuit.—Mr. George B. McWhorter on Tuesday made a very satisfactory settlement with Mr. Schroeder of a claim upon which Mr. McWhorter sued for some years ago, and which has been pending in the courts of Baltimore forover a year.

A Monstrosity—Mr. Samuel Maslin, the hustling young farmer of near Tolchester, on the Caulks Field farm, exhibited at the TRANSCRIPT office yesterday, a monstrosity in the form of a lamb having five legs and two distinct and well formed tails. The lamb was one of a pair of twins and lived about two hours.

A Big Sale.—The large personal property sale of John H. and Howard Clendaniel, advertised *exclusively* in the TRANSCRIPT, was one of the most largely attended sales ever in the county. The bidding was brisk and prices ruled high. Horses brought as high as $126 and other stock at proportionately satisfactory prices.

President Reid Sued.—Dr. C. W. Reid, president of Washington College, has been sued by Mr. Alexander Crew, and daughter, Miss Lillie Crew, for 10,000 damages. Dr. Roid, some months ago passed Mr. Crew's team on his bicycle, the horse became frightened and the occupants of the carriage were thrown out. It is as a result of this accident that the suits are brought. R. D. Hynson, Esq., will represent Mr. Crew and M. deK. Smith, Esq., Dr. Reid.

The Emma Giles' Improvements.—Since the close of last season the Giles of the Tolchester route has been thoroughly overhauled from stem to stern and many changes made, making her one of the prettiest steamers on the Chesapeake bay. She has had a new pilot house with large rooms back of it, placed on the hurricane deck, the forward stairway has been taken away and one built to come up in a room back of the pilot house under shelter, a new and powerful search light has been placed on the pilot house, she has been newly painted inside and out, and all the machinery has been thoroughly overhauled and put in first class order. The Giles' regular trips will begin on next Saturday.

Willard Memorial Services.—Memorial services for Miss Frances E. Willard will be held in the Chestertown M. E. Church this evening, under the auspices of the Kent county W. C. T. U. The following interesting programme has been arranged: Singing, Rock of Ages; Scripture Reading, Hymn; Miss Willard as a Woman, by Mrs. S. A. Hurlock; Solo, Mrs. Horace Reid; Miss Willard as a Christian, Rev. J. M. Gill; Miss Willard as a Teacher, Dr. Reid; Male quartette, Going Down the Valley; Miss Willard as a Temperance Worker, Miss Anne R. Stewart; Miss Willard as a Reformer, C. A. Grise; Solo, Only Remembered, Mrs. Anna G. Lambert; Memorials to Miss Willard, Mrs. Emma Shafer; Hymn, Blest be the Tie. Special music will be rendered by the Chapman Male Quartette and others. The public are cordially invited to join in this tribute to the friend of humanity.

The "Echo."—The members of the eighth grade of the Chestertown public school read their paper, The Echo, on Friday afternoon. The following is the interesting programme as presented: Echo, "Composition Writing," Barbara Anthony; song, "Ten Little Injuns," H. Beck, S. Jones, W. Greenwood, J. Benjamin, 5th grade quartette; Recitation, Mary Hines; Echo, "The Habit of Reading," May Cannan; declamation, "Kissing in the Street," Blanche Elliott; declamation, "The First Snowfall," Rebecca Eliason; music, "Ben Hur," Bertie Burchinal; Echo, "Locals," May Crow; declamation, "Yes, I'm Guilty," Mary Lewis; song, boys of 6th grade, Gleaves Frazier, M. Peregoy, Tom Dyott, Carl Russell and Benj. Greenwood; Echo, "Bits of News," Bertie Lamb; Song, "Kathleen," 5th grade sextette, Susie Dunbracco, Lizzie Davis, Gaylard Hurlock, Harry Coleman, Bordley Sappington, Clyde Maslin; Echo, "St. Valentine," Robt. McWhorter; Music, "Myosotis," Mabel Toulson; Echo, "Locals," Hope Pennell; Declamation, "What a Little Boy Thought," Lillie Greenwood; Echo, "Spice Box," Mary Knight; Song, "Peter Piper," boys of 3rd grade; Echo, "The Influence of Ones Surroundings," Katie Shuster; Declamation, "Are there too many of we?" Edith Frazier; Echo, "Locals," Bessie Wheatley; Declamation, "Pyramus and Shisbe," Annie Sappington; Song, "I'm not as Young as I used to be," Paul Jones; Music, "The Blue and the Gray, May Jones; Dialogue, Pupils of the 4th grade, Jessie Matthews, Linnie Chilcutt, Edith Fallowfield; Report of committee on contest and awarding of prize, Mr. E. F. Perkins.

An interesting feature of the occasion was a pretty prize offered by the members of the eight grade to the contestants in declamation. Where all did so well, comparisons would be out of order. Little Miss Frazier won the prize by the unanimous vote of the judges, Misses N. E. Walters and Fannie Stuart and Mr. Eben F. Perkins. A pretty bunch of violets was presented by an unknown friend to the other contestants.

New Advertisements.

Phil H. Tuck, Esq., will offer at public sale on Tuesday next, the valuable real estate of the late Thomas W. Wickes. See advertising columns for further particulars.

Read the several small advertisements of Mr. Joseph Guest in another column, they may interest you.

Every farmer and land owner on the Eastern Shore should read the advertisement of Mr. J. D. Bacchus, in this issue. Mr. Bacchus states a plain business proposition. In order that the best results may be secured from land, the soil must be well fed and this can be done only by the selection of such articles as contain the greatest per centage of food properties. A liberal dressing with his celebrated Kerr's Wrightsville lime or the Standard Lime and Stone Co's Lime will meet every requirement. Dont fail to call upon Mr. Bacchus before purchasing.

The announcement of Messrs. Turner & Boyles in this issue is of supreme importance to every purchaser of fine goods at the lowest prices. These gentlemen defy competition both in quality of their stock and the prices which they offer. The purchaser is given the benefit of their unexcelled advantages in the purchase of goods at rock-bottom prices. Dont forget that this hustling young firm is the pace-setter and record-breaker in the matter of quality and prices.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† A cargo of about 3500 bushels of oyster shells to be used on the streets of Chestertown, was received on Monday.

† Mr. A. C. Leaverton, of Kent, who has charge of the Manual Training Department of the Easton High School is filling every requirement of the position. Four drawing tables made by his students, were shipped to the St. Michaels High School last week.

† In justice to the skill and energy of Mr. J. H. Vansant, the hustling young butcher of Galena, we would state that it was he who recently butchered and dressed the calf at Lambson's station in three minutes. Mr. Vansant is a master of his trade.

† Three houses in Lynchburg, (Chestertown) were placed on the market on Saturday. One was purchased by Mr. John Parrott for $190 subject to prior lien, one was bought by C. T. Westcott, Esq., for $75, subject to prior lien, a lot by Hope H. Barroll, Esq., in fee, for $25.

† Catcher D. T. Zearfoss, of the New York base-ball team, arrived in Chestertown on Tuesday and will coach the Washington College players for their great game with Harvard University on April 21st.

† Mr. Robert Harris, died suddenly at his home in Quaker Neck on Monday morning. Mr. Harris was sitting talking with his wife, arose and walked to the door and the next moment fell and expired without a word. He was 60 years of age.

† A gentleman residing in Chestertown has two good young horses that he wishes to place with a good party, to be used as drivers. For further particulars see advertisement.

Church Notes

Lenten devotions at the Sacred Heart Church every Friday evening at 7.30 will consist of the Way of the Cross and an instruction; subject, "The Church."

Lenten services will be held in St. Denis Church, Galena, every Friday evening at 7.30. The services will consist of the "Stations of The Cross" concluding with a sermon by the pastor, Rev. Miles J. McManus. The subject matter of each sermon will be devoid of even the slightest shade of sectarianism and consequently of interest to people of all denominations. The subject for this Friday evening will be: "The End of Man." Seats free and everybody is cordially welcome.

Mr. F. G. Usilton has been elected a delegate from Christ M. P. Church, Mr. Charles L. Dood, alternate, to the general conference of the M. P. Church. Mr. Samuel Vannort is the delegate, and Mr. R. G. Nicholson, alternate, from St. James.

Personal Mention.

Miss Cora Reed is now on a trip of inspection of the great spring openings of millinery in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New Pork. Prior to laying in their stock for each season one of the Misses Reed visits the great fashion centres of the east and after a careful inspection selects the latest novelties in millinery goods which money and extreme care in selection can find.

Mrs. R. Bergen is away attending the final opening of spring millinery by the large moulders of fashion in the large cities. Her stock this spring will be large and choice.

Mr. Jacob Crowding has returned from an extended northern tour, and while away purchased a fine thoroughbred young stallion.

IMPROVEMENTS AT HEPBRON.

A Prosperous Village May Spring up at This Point.

It is far from an impossibility that the quiet, unassuming railway station of Hepbron, so long without a telegraph operator or resident agent, may within the course of a few years grow into a prosperous, hustling village. Work has already commenced on a large warehouse capable of accommodating the business demands of any station along the line of the B. & D. B. R. R. This will be followed shortly by the erection of coal bins, wagon scales, and a large canning house. A telegraph operator and agent is now located at the station and dispatches may be sent at any time without delay. The operator will be the agent of the railroad and the local business representative of Mr. E. W. Scarborough who has the improvements under his personal care which will give to the public generally vastly increased business facilities. Mr. Scarborough states that he has about completed contracting for tomatoes at both Hepbron and Lynch's, and says that the Lynch's canning plant will not be removed. This will necessitate an entirely new cannery at Hepbron, which will be promptly put in place with all of the most modern and improved machinery.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

County Commissioners court, Tuesday, March 1, 1898. Full board present.

John Bradley's account for February salary for keeping Chester bridge, for $20.83, was examined and allowed by the district commissioners and ordered to be paid by order on levy for said purpose in the hands of the treasurer.

Following accounts were examined and allowed or approved by the respective district commissioners and ordered to be provided for by levy in 1898 and certified, namely: John P. Ahern for cost paid for having shells hauled on road, $74.01; Wm. P. Garey, constable, for fees in State cases, $7; Wm. P. Garey, for road work, $13; Wm. Stauffer, for same, $10; Wm. S. Culp, for wood for court house and jail, $3; John W. Haddaway, per diem for attending gate at 7th district polls, $3; Wm. H McFeely & Co., agents for insurance on public buildings, $75.46; James G. Beck, agent, for same, $75.46; Samuel Crouch, for painting in Clerk's office and glaizing in jail, $0.50; Henry A. Thompson, for road work, $2; John E. Beck, J. P., fees in State cases in excess of fines collected, $60.06; same, for viewing and examining body of W. B. Shaw, at Rock Hall, no inquest, $5; same, for viewing and examing body of Elijah Beck, no inquest, $5. Upon recommendation a pension of $12 was granted Alexander Wilmore, first district; upon recommendation, pension to Wm. K. Everett, third dist., was increased from $20 to $25. The examiner's report on new road through part of Drayton and Kennard's Point was considered and the report was confirmed and ratified, and costs and damages were directed to be provided for by levy in 1898, by order endorsed thereon.

The official report of Wm. D. Burchinal, treasurer, for February, was examined and accepted by order endorsed thereon. Wm. D. Burchinal, treasurer, presented check for amount of State taxes in Bank, of $290, to be forwarded to the State treasurer. An order was passed to insure the county buildings in the agencies of Wm. H. McFeely and James G. Beck in equal proportions.

The following transfers were directed to be made by order of board: Sewell Ford to Isaac Gibbs and Harry Griffith; Harrison E. Wagoner; assessment to be canceled. Dr. N. Comegys' application for health officer was received and filed.

Orphan's Court—all judges present.—R. T. Turner, Jr., passed first and final administration account in estate of Samuel Jones, deceased. Wm. G. Smyth and John W. Corey, administrators of Albert Corey, deceased, returned list of sale of the personalty of said deceased.

A $21,400 FIRE.

Six Stores and Residences destroyed or Damaged.

ONLY $5,000 INSURANCE.

THE ENTIRE BUSINESS SECTION OF THE TOWN THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION.

S. F. Smith's Brick Building Saved Thousands of Property.

Chestertown Proud of Her Brave Citizen Firemen and Their Splendid Work.

TO BE REBUILT.

One of the most destructive fires which has visited Chestertown for many years broke out in the business centre of the town at 2.10 o'clock on Sunday morning, and for two hours the entire business centre of the town was threatened with total destruction by the flames.

The noisy bustle of Saturday shoppers had ceased, and Officer Frazier was on his regular round of inspection. When at what is known as "Smith's Corner," in the very centre of the business section of the town, he smelled smoke as of burning woolen. It was almost a dead calm, with the gentle air which prevailed coming from the west. The officer followed the direction indicated by the smoke, examining each store and residence as he went. Upon reaching the large clothing store of L. Winer, in the Thompson block, directly opposite the Voshell House, smoke was discovered in the store. The cry of fire was at once made, and Mr. Frazier hurried to notify Officer Kelley, then opened the door of the house in which the fire equipment is kept, and notified Mr. Wroth to turn in an alarm from Stam's Hall. Within a few minutes after the alarm by officer Frazier the TRANSCRIPT reporter located the fire by a small column of smoke ascending from the rear of the Winer store within a few feet of Mr. Joseph W. Edwards store and residence. This was at 2.10 o'clock A. M. sharp.

Officer Kelley makes the following statement relative to the situation: "I hurried to the scene of the fire and could see no fire at all in the store room. The room was filled with smoke. Upon hurrying to the rear of the building I could see the reflection of the fire in the room over the rear of Winer's store. I at once discovered the dangerous character of the fire and the great fight at once commenced."

In about ten minutes after the discovery of the smoke issuing from the Winer store the flame broke through, and for more than an hour and a half a stubborn battle with the flames took place. From the Winer store the flames spread on the west to the harness store and residence of Mr. Joseph Edwards, and on the east to the large double store and residence of B. Thompson. The town's fire department promptly responded and as brave a set of volunteer firemen as ever faced danger, were promptly at work. The first alarm rung by the bell in Stam's Hall and by the M. P. Church, called out a number of persons, but it soon became evident that the situation was extremely serious and a second alarm was sounded by the bell in Stam's Hall. The Edward's building was soon in flames and the fire had been swept by the gentle wind into the Thompson stores. The air was filled with flying fire brands which hovered like threatening birds of prey over the most valuable property in the town. Burning shingles sailed entirely over the town and fell in the river. All hope of saving the Thompson block was abandoned and the efforts of all were centred upon stopping the fire at the brick store and residence of S. Frank Smith. It was only this building which gave hope of saving the business section from total destruction. A twenty foot alley separated the Smith building from the Thompson building.

The entire stock in the Winer store had been destroyed, the goods, so far as was possible, had been removed from the Edwards building and the house was almost in ashes, the furniture store of Percy T. McFeely, removed from the Edwards house by a narrow roadway, was several times in flames and a heroic effort was being made to save the property to cut off the encroachments of the fire up town toward the handsome M. P. Church and many homes. The Thompson building was in ruins and only the Smith store stood as an obstacle to the advance of the fire into the business centre of the town where three banks, many stores, offices and residences stretched away to the river. The windows and doors of the Smith house were burned out, the coning along the tin roof was in flames and hope had almost gone when the flames were finally gotten under control. So threatening was the outlook at this point that the engineer of the Gratitude, fearful that the flames would break over this barrier and sweep on to the river that he is reported as having gone to his steamer for the purpose of getting up steam and removing the boat to a point of safety. The heat was so intense that the paint on the cornices and window sash of the Voshell House were blistered. In some of the rooms on that side of the house opposite the fire the heat was intolerable and it was impossible to stand near a window. One boarder packed up and was ready to leave at a moment's notice.

Thrilling Experiences.

Mr. Joseph W. Edwards, who was asleep in his room within a few feet of the fire when it was discovered, says that the first intimation he had of danger was when his son, William Edwards, who heard Officer Frazier break into the Winer store, called to him that the house was on fire. The younger Mr. Edwards removed his children to the livery stable office of Mr. George B. McWhorter, near by, and aided by his wife set to work to save the household property. A little girl, bewildered by the confusion, removed the baby from its place of safety and was returning with it to the burning home, when she was discovered and turned back. The elder Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were forced to escape by a side door to avoid suffacation. Mrs. William Edwards was a marvel of coolness and self-possession. Much of the furniture was removed from the upstairs, and even the carpet was taken up under her direction.

Mrs. Thompson and her daughters were nearly suffocated, and escaped in their night clothes to the home of Mr. S. F. Smith, but subsequently found a welcome in the home of Mr. and Mr. Geo. B. McWhorter, where they still are.

Losses and Insurance.

Mr. Joseph Edwards carried no insurance and stated yesterday that while he saved some of his furniture, his stock of harness, trimmings and other goods, together with the building were a total loss. He said that his loss would fall but little short of $3,000. Mr. Edwards will rebuild with a substantial brick structure on the site of the old building.

Mr. Winer when seen, said that Sunday morning was his first experience with fire, and that while he carried $3,000 insurance through the agency of Mr. Jas. G. Beck, he would loose fully $1500 on stock in excess of his insurance. Mr. Thompson succeeded in saving a small portion of his large stock of goods, but places his loss at about $6,500 on stock and at about $7,500 on his building and fixtures, or a total of $14,000, with no insurance. He also lost $247 in cash, a gold watch, and all of his clothing except what he wore. All of his household furniture was destroyed and his family escaped with only their night clothes on. Mr. James Thompson lost $65 in cash. Mr. Thompson, senior, states that he placed his money in the ice chest the last thing on Saturday night, and though he had ample time to save it, he never once thought of it. He has between $40 or $50 still looked in his safe which is in the debris of the wreck.

Mr. Thompson expects to rebuild, and has stated that he will put up a press-brick front building on the site of the ruins.

Mr. S. F. Smith, whose property did such splendid service in presenting a barrier to the fire, lost $162 on his stock, and his damage to the building will amount to about $700. The building and store stock were insured in the Kent Mutual. The loss on the goods has been paid and Mr. Smith has been instructed by the insurance company to put his building in thorough repair and the bills are to be sent to the company for payment. There was no insurance on his household effects. His loss however, will not exceed $200

The loss to Mr. McFeely's furniture from water will be about $200.

Messrs. Malkow and Catzen, proprietors the Philadelphia Clothing House adjoining the store of S. F. Smith, removed their stock of clothing and shoes to the road and will suffer several hundred dollars damage from water and petty thefts. A large quantity of goods were stolen in the confusion.

Figures as estimated by the Larger Losers by the Fire.

Thompson	$14,000
Winer	3,000
Smith about	1,000
McFeely	100
Edwards	3,000
Philadelphia Clothing House	200
Total	$21,400

A Shower of Fire.

It would be impossible to describe the awful grandeur of the scene. The air was literally filled with blazing shingles and it was through the vigilence of citizens in the lower section of the town that a general conflagration was averted. A constant shower of fire fell on the roofs, in the back yards of stores and among a vast mass of the most inflammable material. It is safe to say that there were twenty different places ignited in the town at one time. Men were kept on guard on the roofs and in the rear of the Bradley store property and the Loffland and Maull property.

Mr. J. F. Thompson kept a man constantly assisting him in fighting the small fires in the rear of his store, and by the merest accident discovered a fire in the rear of the property adjoining his store. Mr. Bradley's residence was on fire several times, the Wickes store was on fire, as also the store and residence of M. A. Toulson. Mrs. Toulson packed up and was already to move out had the fire gotten past the Smith house.

Mr. John Vandegrift states that his home on Cross street was on fire twenty time and was saved with extreme difficulty. The stable in the rear of the Wickes drug store caught fire, but was extinguished. The Hudgins property was several times on fire, and Mr. John Hill with difficulty saved the valuable property of Messrs. Chapman & Lambert. Miss Reed, upon going to her millinery store, found a box of paper in the rear of the store on fire. Mrs. George Brice stood at the spigot in the rear of the store of J. K. Aldridge & Co., and for more than an hour, while her husband, Mr. Aldridge and others foug ht manfully to prevent the property being fired. A big blaze was discovered within dangerous proximity to several barrels of oil and gasoline. Mr. John Vernon made a narrow escape from injury while fighting the fire on his roof. Several times the roof was ablaze, and in an effort to reach the roof a ladder slipped, and but for the fact that it lodged against a chimney, he would have been dashed to the street and seriously hurt.

The house of Marshall Pittman, near Janes M. E. Church, had a hole burned in the roof. Capt. W. D Burchinal, at Scott's Point, was on guard, and stated that his property was covered with burning cinders. The stable of Mrs. M. E. Ringgold was also on fire, as also the property of Mr. C. J. Reiche.

It would be impossible to convey an idea of the danger which for two hours confronted the town, and it was only due to the work of the people throughout the town that the greater portion of the most valuable property in the town was not destroyed.

Fire Personals.

Mrs. William Edwards was the coolest person at the fire.

Thomas Storkes did splendid work and caught fire once while handling the hose.

John Ringgold, colored, was one of the most effective workers at the scene of the fire.

Messrs. Wright and Tracy and F. M. Miller were among the most conspicuous and effective workers in subduing the flames.

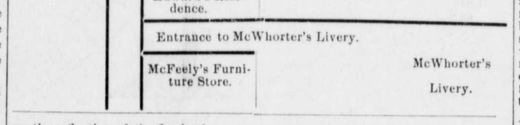
It would be impossible to mention personally each one who was conspicuous in the good work. Messrs. Kelley and Frazier, however, should certainly not be forgotten. The town is fortunate in having such officers.

The property removed from the home of Mr. Smith was placed in the hall of the Voshell House, while the goods saved from the Thompson store were placed in the agricultural implement ware-room of Hiram Brown under the Voshell House.

Mr. Thompson on Tuesday morning commenced business in the store-room recently vacated by Mr. Simpers, opposite Stam's Hall.

The origin of the fire remains a mystery. It was first discovered in a room over the rear of Winer's clothing store in which there was only a small table.

DIAGRAM OF THE BURNED DISTRICT.



STILL POND NOTES.

Our Sunday school will hold its Missionary Anniversary in the M. E. Church next Sunday evening, at 7.30 o'clock. An interesting programme is in preparation. Special services both morning and evening. All are cordially invited.

Messrs. Bowers & Schofield have just finished a neat stable for Mr. Thomas Coleman.

Mr E. W. Scarborough is unpacking a beautiful line of carriages, wagons and farm implements. We note especially the handsome "Kentland" light wagon, recalling our recent amusing experience in the "town name" agitation.

Mr. Howard Turner has returned from an extended tour in the great southwest.

A petition to the County Commissioners to widen the public road from Still Pond cemetery to Betterton has been circulated and singed by some of our best citizens. While we believe such work would result in much better transportation facilities, it seems that wisdom would counsel a careful consideration of the cost to the tax-payers of the county.

Revival services in Still Pond M. E. Church closed last Tuesday evening after an eloquent sermon by Rev. K. M. Bull. Rev. E. H. Nelson is to be congratulated upon the fact that fifteen converts have rewarded his faithful work.

The Epworth Leage and Mite Society of Still Pond Methodist Episcopal Church, will give a supper in Krusen's Hall, Thursday evening, March 3rd.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS.

Sassafras Has a New Town Hall—A Relative of Commander Sigsbel—A Large Batch of Choice Local News.

Since last we wrote we have had a boom here in the building line. A new town hall is what we now boast of. Surely we do not want to be behind our sister villages. The Church Aid Society of the M. P. Church took hold of the matter of erecting a large hall suitable for entertainments, concerts, lectures, etc., and have pushed it to the front. They, together with liberal contributions on the part of the community in general, have erected a large and commodious hall 40x24 ft. with a 10x24 ft. stage. Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith kindly donated the lot upon which to build it free of ground rent and to be moved at any time in the discretion of the organization.

This organization is a helpful adjunct to the church, is in a flourishing condition, and has a large membership. Mr. Phineas Jones is president. They meet the first Wednesday evening in every month. They met last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston, where they were royally entertained, which is characteristic of the host and hostess.

The young people of the church are preparing for an entertainment and oyster supper under the auspices of the older members, to be given in the hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, March 8th, 9th and 10th. Proceeds of entertainment for the purchase of church hymnals, and racks for same.

The public sale of the personalty of the late B. F. H. Caulk, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., was one of the most largely attended sales that has taken place in this locality for a long time. Prices ranged exceedingly high, especially for stock.

Quite a number attended the Guy Brothers' Minstrel show in Middletown on Thursday evening last. All pronounced it to be moral in tone in every respect. The music was exceptionally fine.

Miss Bertha Hirons, of Wilmington, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. S. Griffith.

Miss Emma Chote, of Newark, Del., spent last week with Miss Stella VanDyke, at VanDykes Station.

Mr. George Dreka, left last Monday for his home in DeLand, Florida, after spending several days with his father, Mr. Augustus Dreka.

Miss Maggie Simpkins, of Felton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Kennedy.

Among those who spent last week or part of it in Philadelphia, are: Mrs. Louis A. Dreka, Mr. Fred Griessert and Mr. J. T. Shallcross.

Mrs. Cox, of Galena, is on a protracted visit to her daughter, Mrs. N. George.

Mr. Fred Griessert, who for many years has been chief miller in the large "roller process" plant of Mr. Louis Dreka, has resigned his position, and Mr. Parks, of Pennsylvania, has succeeded him. Mr. Griessert (who is also an expert jeweler) has opened and fitted up a jeweler shop.

The last quarterly conference of the M. P. Church on Warwick circuit, was held in the church here on Saturday. It is sincerely hoped by all that our present pastor, the Rev. W. W. White, may be returned to us another year. He has endeared himself to the congregations of all three charges on this circuit.

A letter just received from Mr. Walter Allen, of Cecilton, who left some weeks ago with his mother for Macon, Georgia, states that the weather there is fine, a counterpart of our June weather, and that the farmers are making preparations for their spring work.

Capt. Sigsbee, commander of the ill-fated U. S. battleship Maine, which was blown up in the Havana harbor on the 15th instant, married a cousin of Mrs. Harry Griffith, of this village.

The public school received a number of new desks last Saturday, owing to the large increased enrollment of new scholars.

The entertainment and lunch social given by the scholars of our school on the 22d was a success both socially and financially. The rooms of the school building were taxed to their utmost to seat the large crowd present. A number were unable to gain admittance. The rooms were decorated with the national colors, bunting, pictures and holly. The following is the programme rendered by the children:

Music, America; prayer, Rev. W. W. White; opening address, 22d of February, Alice Dreka; recitation, three girls, Mildred Shepherd, Helen Stradley, Anna Bartlett; declamation, the American Flag, Louie Dreka; "History of Our Flag, Owens Griffith; music, The Star Spangle Banner; Address to the Flag, Fannie Griffith; Dialogue, "Old Father Time" and his twelve daughters, representing the twelve months of the year; Birthday of Washington, Eva George; music, Mount Vernon Bells; recitation, four boys, Howard Davis, George Kennedy, Richard Tarbutton, Robt. Johnson; reading, "Eulogy on Washington," Bradford Johnson; recitation, "My Land," Della Bartlett; declamation, Edgar Jones; "Horrors of Arithmetic," George Kennedy; accrostic "Washington," ten smaller boys; "The Smart Boy," John Ernest; music, All America's New National Hymn; recitation, by 3 girls, Nellie Kennedy, Mary Beaston, Tannie Johnson; dialogue, Monument Building, ten larger boys; The Little Dreamer, Nellie Johnson; A Boy's Troubles, Olive Davis; music, Red, White and Blue; A Boy's Protest, Geo. Bartlett; Flag of the Rainbow, Stella Davis; "I Would Tell," five larger boys; closing address, Teresa Dreka.

The teacher and scholars feel very grateful to those who so kindly assisted them in making the entertainment a success. C.

DIED.

COVINGTON.—Edwin Lester Covington, son of G. W. Covington, of Still Pond Md., died on February 15, at the home of his Uncle, James H. Covington, in Arringdale, Southampton Co., Va. The remains were brought by rail to Still Pond, Thursday 17th, and laid to rest in Still Pond cemetery. Funeral services were held in Still Pond M. E. Church by Rev. E. H. Nelson, pastor, assisted by Rev. I. L. Wood, of Middletown, Del. The deceased was born in Still Pond, Oct. 14, 1895.

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March 3, 1898. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

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