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LOCAL MATTERS.

Grain Market.

Yesterday's paper quoted—Wheat, No. 2 red, 71@72½c.; corn, 37@38.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE.

Hope H. Barroll, trustee—Locust Grove Creamery—Monday, Feb. 26.

Hope H. Barroll, trustee—House and lot of land of Geo. J. Elias, in Quaker Neck—Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Richard D. Hynson, attorney, and Theo. E. Hayes—The large and fine personalty of Bedford Roe—Feb. 26.

John H. Clendaniel—Fine lot personalty—Friday, Feb. 16.

Hope H. Barroll, trustee—Dwellings and building lots in Rock Hall—Saturday, Feb. 3.

Answers Came In.—The problem in last week's TRANSCRIPT relative to the payment of $10,000 and interest in ten equal payments, brought in several responses, all of which were correct. The correct answer is $1,358.68.

Beats the Klondike.—A correspondent wrote us yesterday that it is stated that Mr. Samuel Armstrong, made his way through the ice into the bay to his nets several days ago and brought back eleven bunches of rock fish and perch, valued at, net $200.

Four Otters Killed.—Messrs. Charles Mench and Hickman several days ago caught two large otters in a bank at Pone Hill. The young men tracked the otters in the snow and succeeded in digging them out of the bank. Commissioner J. R. Usilton also killed two fine otters several days ago.

Found Dead.—John H. Cummings was found dead in a bitter cold stable loft at Locust Grove on Tuesday morning. He had been drinking heavily for some time, but latterly had been using ginger, such as is bought in the general stores. This preparation contains principally alcohol and ginger. This ginger should not be sold except by druggists and then under the strictest surveilance. At present an effort is being made by the wholesale and retail drug people and the physicians of Maryland, to accomplish this end.

Real Estate Sales.—Auctioneer J. H Greenwood, on Tuesday sold for Richard D. Hynson, attorney named in mortgage, the Pennington house in Kennedyville, to Mr. Wm. T. Stauffer, for $550. The Pennell house, Chestertown, was bought by Mr. T. E. Hayes for $420. The Mc Clain's corner property was purchased by Mrs. Wm. S. Godwin for $350. Mr. John D. Urie, on Tuesday, sold in Centreville, the McCollister farm, situated near Church Hill, Queen Anne county, and containing 240 acres of land, to Carroll McCollister for $3,150.

Town Electric Lighting.—Messrs. Wright & Tracy have notified the board of town commissioners that they will not renew their present contract for lighting the town for another year. The present contract will expire in March. Mr. Wright stated to a TRANSCRIPT representative that the present contract is not satisfactory either to the town commissioners or themselves. One point of difference is that the commissioners demand that the lights shall be run constantly without regard to moonlight nights. Then, too, there are other points of difference he said.

One Suspect Arrested.—Annie Baynard, who was wanted on a charge of having been implicated in the robbery of the store of Mr. Thomas Stockton Wickes, as mentioned last week, was arrested by Officer Simpson on Sunday night. The children of the woman had been left at the home of Thos. Hazleton. The woman came to Hazleton's house, and so soon as she entered, the man hastened to notify Officer Simpson, and the woman was placed under arrest. All of the money was found on her except the ten dollars which she had changed at the bank. Baynard is still at large.

Expressman Matthews Joked.—Expressman John E. Matthews had an animated family on his hands several mornings ago. Some one shipped by express a fine hog weighing about 150 lbs. The hog was in a crate, and beside him in the express car was a coop of sixty chickens. At Clayton his hogship thought to make a tour of inspection, and breaking out the top of his crate landed on the coop of chickens, smashing in the top and freeing the featherd tribe in Mr. Matthews' car. Matters were very lively for a time, but the ever affable expressman soon reduced order out of chaos.

Hobo in Trouble.—Hobo, alias Norman Wooster, a colored man who came to Chestertown from Virginia about a year ago, is in trouble in Norfolk. Mr. T. H. Topping several days ago received a letter from Norfolk, stating that the man had been arrested there. He has a boat, sloop-rigged, named the Landsend and on board were found a number of the flour sacks of the "Staff of Life" brand manufactured by Messrs. Price & Topping. Information was wanted in connection with the ownership of the boat. The man came to Chestertown in a pretty canoe and traded for the Landsend, the boat built for Mr. Henry Wilmer when he was oyster inspector for Chester river several years ago. No one here knows how Hobo alias Wooster came into possession of the canoe.

Narrow Escape From Fire.—During the high wind of Thursday afternoon the large shoe store of Mr. Thomas G. Wroth, in the Stam's Hall building, made a narrow escape from fire. Mr. Wroth had in the rear of his store a barrel of oil standing on a box against a flue. The opening in the flue had been carefully closed and a board placed between the wall and the barrel. About 4 o'clock Mr. Wroth discovered the box on which the barrel of oil stood in a full blaze, the flames completely enveloping the barrel. An extinguisher was soon brought from the store of Mr. C. S. Smith and the flame put out. The barrel was burned nearly through into the oil. Not a drop of oil had been taken from the barrel and had it become ignited and spread in a burning mass, a conflagration of most disastrous proportions might have ensued.

Highly Honored.—It will be gratifying to the many friends of Rev. S. S. Hepbron, now rector at Oliver, Virginia, to learn of distinguished honors which he has had conferred upon him. Mr. Hepbron has been offered the position of chaplain in the University of West Virginia, located at Morgantown, a city of 6000 inhabitants. The university has between six and eight hundred students. Mr. Hepbron is also offered the rectorship of the Protestant Episcopal church at Morgantown. It is a position of influence which would be far reaching, if occupied by the right man. It is still "the day of small things" with the Episcopal church in that region, and he who goes there will have to build on almost entirely new foundations. Mr. Hepbron has not accepted either the University's call, nor the call to the Morgantown church. He has the matter under advisement.

How Are These for Prices.—TRANSCRIPT readers will remember that Ladysmith, is the South African city in which a body of English soldiers have been penned by Boers for more than a month past. Here are a few of the prices which ruled there at Christmas. Only a few were fortunate enough to get turkeys or geese. A majority had to be content with the hard beef of wasted, underfed oxen or the coarse goat flesh which does duty for mutton. On Christmas there was a provision auction. Potatoes were bought at the rate of 1 shilling [about 25 cents] each, eggs average 10 pence (about 20 cents) each, carrots 7 pence (about 14 cents) each, ducks half a guinea (about $2.50) each, cigarettes 42 pence (about 84 cents) a package and whiskey £5 (about $25) a bottle. Everybody, however, was able to indulge in Christmas puddings, as the commissariat kindly issued the neccessary ingredients for the occasion.

Navigation Closed.—The steamer Ford, after a heavy battle with the ice, succeeded in getting as far as Booker's wharf on Thursday, and then returned to Baltimore. About thirty passengers for Chestertown were landed at Quaker Neck. From that point ladies and gentlemen made their way as best they could. Some came up to town in farm wagons, dearborns, carriages and some even walked. When Queenstown was reached the steamer Endeavor was found in distress, having broken her rudder, she was blown ashore about a hundred and fifty yards from her wharf. She blew three whistles asking for assistance, but it was not deemed advisable by Capt. Clark to try the heavy ice in the channel. A message from Tolchester yesterday reported the bay frozen across solidly from shore to shore. The tug which left Chestertown on Thursday morning with a big scow in tow, was forced to leave the scow at Cliff City, and proceed to Baltimore.

Witnessed the Marriage and then Arrested the Couple.—Officer Samuel Cooper had a most unusual experience on Thursday, when, after acting as a witness at a wedding he turned in and arrested the bride and bride-groom. It seems that several nights before, a man and woman had created a disturbance necessitating a trial for disorder. Officer Cooper went to the house to serve the summons to appear, upon the couple, and proceeded to make known his business when the prospective groom asked him to wait as a gentleman outside wanted to come in. At this point in came a minister and the astonished officer was at once called upon to act as a witness to the marriage ceremony of the couple who, on the night before, had been engaged in a desparate incounter resulting in considerable discoloring damage to the eye of the prospective bride. The nuptial programme finished the law at once sit at work and both the bride and bride groom were fined for disorderly conduct.

LITTLE LOCALS.

† Messrs Elburn and Crouch caught six herring in Chester river last week, near Riverside wharf.

† Sheriff Davis is now entertaining 9 boarders at the jail, one white and 8 colored.

† Commissioner J. F. Godwin, of Queen Anne, has finished plowing the ground for his next corn crop.

† Queen Anne gunners want a law restricting the shooting of game to three days in each week during the gunning season, Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturday's. They propose to collect $1,500 for the purchase of five hundred dozen stock birds.

† The matrimonial market has been extremely dull this week—but two licenses issued, Walter B. Barnes and Zadie Lee; George A. Needles and Maggie Earvin.

† Capt. Charles Riggins' schooner, Hattie White, lumber-laden for Crumpton, is frozen in the ice off Chestertown.

† Two Still Pond young men walked from Chesapeake City to Still Pond several days ago in five hours.

† Deputy postmaster, W. H. Lambert, Jr., has handed his resignation to postmaster Lucas. Deputy Hiram Brown will continue to assist Mrs. Lucas with the work.

† Yesterday was Candlemas or ground hog day. The Double Creek ground hog saw his shadow and we are to have a February of real winter.

† R. D. Hynson, Esq., was at the Court of Appeals this week in the case of Wilmer vs. Brice. H. H. Barroll, roll, Esq., represented Mr. Brice. The case was submitted on briefs.

County Commissioners.

The county commissioners were in session on Tuesday, with full board present. The following business was transacted and accounts passed:

Millington Mutual Building Association, taxes in error	$46.50
Robert H. Leathem, road	16.00
Frank M. Miller, plumbing	16.40
H. Theo. Jewell, part salary	30 00
John W. Duyer, bridge keeper	20.83
John A. Duyer, constable	6.65
Charles L. Gill, constable	10.70
Darby Boat Co., use M. M. Rasin	76 62
Westcott & Dodd, mdse	17 34
John Ward, service at jail	2.25
C. Frank Crow, road work	72 90
Elizabeth Turner, pension	20.00

Mr. Carson W. Harris was given the contract to make a new road at Betterton for the sum of $350.

ORPHANS' COURT.

Tuesday, January 30th, 1900. The Orphans' Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Judges Thomas A. Jacobs, F. H. Harper and Thos. A. Hudson.

John D. Urie, administrator of Thos. H. Cooper, deceased, returned first administration acsount and first dividend account, which was filed, approved and ordered to be recorded.

Letters testamentary upon the estate of John W. Corey were granted to Lewin W. Wickes and John P. Nicholson, who presented their bond in the sum of seven thousand dollars, with G. W. Hatcherson and Thomas S. Wickes as sureties, and M. M. Rasin and Horace B. Constable were appointed to appraise said estate. Ordered that notice to creditors be given.

Letters of administration upon the estate of James E. Blackiston were granted to Wm. B. Usilton, who presented his bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars, with John K. Aldridge and Fred. G. Usilton as sureties, and Marion Miller and Charles N. Satterfield were appointed to appraise said estate. Ordered notice to creditors be given.

The last will and testament of John W. Corey were admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded.

Cliff City Notes

There is a petition in circulation for the removal of the polling place from Pomona to Lankford. The white tongers of the seventh district are the democratic vote and they have no means or ways to travel to Lankford except on foot, and they don't like walking. There is no use talking of patriotically doing your duty as a citizen and all that sort of thing. The time is coming, and now is, that people are not going to put themselves to too much trouble to express their political preferences, especially if both parties nominate good men.

A pin scratch—Mrs. Kinsey E. Thomas is dead. You have before you a woman who had lived 98 years, had passed through serious cases of sickness, had had in her old age many serious and dangerous falls, so severe in one case as to dislocate the thigh, and had twice had her clothing on fire when nearly helpless. On one of these occasions the whole of one side of her dress was burned, and yet, after all, she finished this life from a mere pin scratch on the back of her hand.

HIVER.

A DOUBLE DROWNING.

A Young Husband and Wife Sink in An Airhole on Whaland's Mill Pond.

One of the saddest drownings which has ever taken place in ill-fated Whaland's mill-pond, occurred at about 6,20 o'clock yesterday evening. The unfortunate couple were Lee Story, a young man of about twenty-one years of age, and his young wife, Martha Story, about the same age.

After an early supper, young Story and his wife went on the pond; the husband wearing skates, and when last seen was pushing his wife, who did not have skates on, before him. About half way up the pond was a large air-hole of clear water of about a quarter acre in extent. Darkness had come on and evidently the unfortunate couple did not see their danger until too late and in an instant the man plunged into the icy water. Certainly Mrs. Story did not fall into the hole with her husband, as the two sons of Mr. Ray Bowers, who were near, heard the man call out, "For God sake Martha, save me." The terror-stricken woman was heard to call back, "I can do nothing."

The boys, with skates on hurried to the Strawboard mill and gave the alarm and searching parties at once went to the scene of the accident. A boat was taken and at 8.20 o'clock the lifeless body of the man was drawn from the water. Up to 11 o'clock last night Mrs. Story's body had not been found. It is supposed that she was cut down the pond under the ice by the current. The body recovered was found within a few feet of where it is supposed to have gone down. The ice up to the very edge of the air-hole was about four inches thick. The water where the accident occurred, is about eight feet deep.

Marks were plainly seen on the ice indicating an effort of Story to stop himself with his skates. His wife's hood was found a few yards away on the ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Story, the victims of the tragedy, were married in Queen Anne county, in December. The bride was the daughter of Mrs. Walls, a widow living near Pondtown. She has a brother, Harry Walls, living with Mr. Melton Melvin, in Morgan Creek. Louis and Charles Walls, two other brothers, live at or near Crumpton. Purnell Story, a brother of young Story lives on the Brown-Baxter farm, near Church Hill, and arrived at his brother's home shortly after he had gone on the ice, and became one of the searching party who drew the lifeless body from the water.

At Christmas Lee Story and his wife moved into one of the little homes at the strawboard mill and the husband was employed as a driver of one of the Strawboard Company's teams.

He had been on the ice late in the afternoon, but it is supposed that he had forgotten the treacherous hole, which he could not have failed to see.

A few were of opinion last night that the horrified wife, unable to render her husband any assistance, had become crazed and had wandered off, fainted and possibly lay dead of cold, while the searchers were looking for her body in the pond. The general impression is that she endeavored to rescue her husband and went with him to a watery grave.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Mr. G. Wright Nichols, a brother of Mr. Harry Nichols, a successful farmer of near Worton Station, will preside at the organ of Grace Protestant Episcopal church, Baltimore, until the organist, Mr. Frederick Wolf, recovers from a recent accident which resulted in severing the tendous of his ankle.

Messrs. J. Wesley Jarman and Wright Medders, of Chesterville, Kent county, were in town on Monday on business.—*Centreville Record.*

President W. C. Eliason was the guest of Mr. Samuel Vannort from Saturday until Monday. In referring to improvements at Tolchester for the coming season, Mr. Eliason stated that new features will be added but he has not commenced to arrange details as yet.

Miss Mary Beck is the guest of Mrs. Paul Turner, Baltimore. Mrs. Turner gave a delightful whist party in honor of her guest one evening last week.

Miss Camp, who spent last fall and the present winter in Pennsylvania, returned to her home on Tuesday after an absence of six months. She is enthusiastic in her description of the beauty of the section of the State in which she was and the hospitality of her Pennsylvania friends.

The marriage of Mr. J. Royal Roseberry and Miss Susie Burton, is announced; to take place at St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church, Baltimore, on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 4 P. M. Miss Burton is the daughter of the late Wm. D. Burton, of Laurel, Md., formerly of Oakland, Md., and resides with her mother, Mrs. Mary E Burton at 1032 W. Franklin St., Baltimore. Mr. Roseberry is the son of Mr. James C. Roseberry, formerly of Still Pond, this county, and now of Laurel, Md., and is connected with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., of New York, as assistant superintendent in the company's Woodberry, Md. sub-district. Mr. and Mrs. Roseberry will reside at 705 Third Ave., (Hampden) Baltimore. No cards.

Mr. Charles Boyles, of the firm of Turner & Boyles, of Worton, has been admitted to the sanitarium at Asheville, North Carolina. The physician states that he can send the patient home to his friends entirely cured.

Mr. R. B. Willson, one of Kent's oldest and most highly respected citizens, has entirely recoved from his serious illness of some months ago. Mr. Willson is 84 years of age, his wife is 82, and they have been married fifty-eight years.

Mr. Percy G. Skirven, the representative of the great Armour phosphate works in the East, has spent several days of the present week in Kent.

Mrs. A. J. Hynson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carpenter, at Dayton View, Dayton, Ohio.

Miss Louise Harris, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Sallye Beck, Front St.

Miss Beulah Winter entertained a few friends pleasantly at whist, on Wednesday evening.

Miss Ellen Fisher is visiting Mrs. Richard Jones, Baltimore.

Miss Isabel Beck, delighted a large congregation in a fashionable church in St. Louis, Mo., recently by singing a solo.

Mr. and Mr. H. M. Brown went to Baltimore this week to see Mrs. Fiske in her strong role as Becky Sharp, at the Lyceum Theatre.

Mr. D. P. Jones spent several days of this week in Baltimore. It was his first visit to the city in three years.

The Ladies Aid Society of Union Church held a pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. S. E. Matthews, on Tuesday evening. The next meeting will be held at Mr. Daniel E. Jewell's on next Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carville Maslin delighsfully entertained a number of friends at their anniversary celebration, this week.

Mr. T. Waters Russell, whose record as clerk to the board of county commissioners was so eminently satisfactory, expresses himself as highly gratified with his success in the insurance business.

Mr. William Bell is the guest of Baltimore friends.

Prof. E. J. Clarke is spending several days in New York.

WEATHER NOTES.

The Gratitude's Piano Cepsized in a Storm—Inconvenience from Ice.

The Steamer Sassafras was unable to make her landing at Buck Neck on Saturday because of the ice. Her passengers for that point were landed at Gales.

The steamer Ford encountered four inch ice at Queenstown on Tuesday evening and experienced some difficulty in turning at the Queenstown wharf.

One of the roughest trips ever experienced by Capt. W. Taylor and his staunch little steamer, the Gratitude, was during Friday's heavy wind storm. Senator Kirwin, of Kent Island, in referring to the trip to a TRANSCRIPT reporter said: "It was one of the roughest trips I ever experienced on the bay. I don't believe the Gratitude could have lived in the heavy broadside sea which would have struck her in coming direct out of Rock Hall into Chester river. To avoid its full effect Capt. Taylor ran out into the bay in the face of the storm then shot the steamer before the storm straight into the mouth of the river. The fine piano in the saloon was thrown over, a lady was thrown from one side of the saloon to the other with such violence that but for the fact that she dashed against two gentlemen, serious injury must have resulted. Chairs and tables were dashed from side to side, and I am told that spray flew as high as the steamer's smokestack. Spray flew entirely over her, the joiner work was somewhat damaged and many passengers were badly frightened."

The Queenstown steamer was delayed by the dense fog of last Thursday afternoon.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Kinsey E. Thomas, Dr. Frank Hodgkins, Mrs. J. A. Russell and Robert E. Jones, Pass Away.

MRS. MARY THOMAS.

Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, wife of Mr. Kinsey E. Thomas, probably the oldest citizen of Kent county and one of the most interesting, died at her home at Cliff City, at 12 o'clock on Wednesday night. Mrs. Thomas would have celebrated her 98th birthday on Saturday next. She suffered an apparently slight pin scratch on her hand recently which gradually developed alarming symptoms, and finally resulted in death. A correspondent writes:

"Her reply for several years to her church friends, when asked by them 'How goes it with thee, sister? has been "Watching and waiting, anixous and ready for the Master to call." Mrs. Ida Kirby, her grand-child, attended her faithfully to the last. Mrs. J. D. Carter and Mrs. C. S. Stratton, who had devoted their time to making comfortable the last days of Mrs. Thomas were temporarily absent when the end came. The same correspondent writes:

"Mr. Thomas has proved a model husband, tender and true. For ten years his wife's welfare has been his constant care. He has done the house-work, nursed and cared for her, assisting her to bed and to arise, and has devotedly made her comfort his highest ambition. Her favorite later-day hymn was 'When the Roll is Called.' She always joined in when it came to 'I'll be there.'"

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Thomas was born at Queenstown, Queen Anne county, on February 10th, 1802. Her parents were James Nathaniel and Henrietta Hart. Her grandfather, Daniel Hart, and his family, came to this country with William Penn, and her father, James Nathaniel Hart, moved from Pennsylvania to Queenstown, and there married Henrietta Louisa Kennard.

She was married to Captain Richard Startt on November 12th, 1829. Seven children, all of whom are dead, resulted from this marriage.

Mrs. Thomas, after her marriage to Richard Startt, moved on the Melton farm, afterward called the Kennard farm, near the present Quaker Neck wharf. Capt. Startt died Sept. 12th, 1854, and Mrs. Startt married Mr. Kinsey E. Thomas, November 14, 1859, and moved to the Cliffs in 1860, on part of the John Startt farm, where they cleared up a few acres and built a house.

She kept store at the Cliffs for a number of years and did a thriving business.

About twelve years ago Mrs. Thomas fell and displaced her hip, and on account of her extreme age, her physician considered it best not to attempt to reset the bone. Since that time she has been obliged to walk with a cane. During the past three years she had rarely gone out of her house.

Mrs. Thomas became a member of the M. E. Church when twelve years old, and remained with the church until her death. She was the main spirit in having built Walton (now Mowbray) Chapel, and was regular in attendance until confined to the house by her infirmaties.

The interesting sketch of this interesting woman, printed exclusively by the TRANSCRIPT two weeks ago, has been most favorably commented upon, and is so well remembered that it is unnecessary to repeat it at this time.

Funeral services will be held this morning at 11 o'clock, in Mobray Chapel.

DR. FRANK HODGKINS.

Dr. Frank Hodgkins, son of the late John T. Hodgkins, died under most distressing circumstances, in Wilmington on Wednesday night. Dr. Hodgkins was thirty-five years of age. He left Chestertown by way of Prices Station, on Monday afternoon for Delaware, in apparently excellent health and spirits. He stated that he expected to stop off in Delaware and then go to Wilmington. The unfortunate man appeared at the hotel of Nager Brothers about nine o'clock at night, took a room and asked that he be called at seven o'clock next morning. He did not register. The next morning he was called, but failing to answer, it was supposed that he wanted to sleep until later in the day and no further effort was made to arouse him until in time for dinner. Failing to get any response at that time, an officer was called and the door, which was locked on the inside, was forced.

On the bed lay the corpse. The gas was turned fully on. Across one side of the head was an ugly mark. Though he is supposed to have left home with considerable (about $30) in money; when found he had but $2 in his pockets. Mrs. Crew, a sister, who lives in Wilmington had not seen him. On the back of an envelope in his pocket were the names of Maria Morgan, Sarah Blake, Annie Blake, Sarah Corse and several others, all of Chestertown. Harry McWhorter was the address on an envelope postmarked Chestertown. Telegrams were at once sent to parties here and his identification soon followed. His relatives here think that there was some foul play, and do not for a moment entertain the idea of suicide.

The deceased was for some time clerk in the drug store of Mr. M. A. Toulson. He later entered the office of the late Dr. T. H. Cooper, afterward spending some time in a medical school in Chicago. Returning, he practiced medicine in Rock Hall, afterward coming to Chestertown, where he continued to practice his profession.

The remains were brought to Chestertown yesterday, and after funeral services by Rev. E. C. Sunfield, assisted by Rev. J. M. Gill, the remains were interred in Chester cemetery. The bearers were: C. S. Smith, Harry Cannan, Dr. H. L. Dodd, C. A. Estes, C. L. Dodd and Elwood Baker.

MRS. J. A. RUSSELL.

Mrs. James A. Russell died suddenly of paralysis, at her home on High street, on Thursday afternoon, in her sixty-first year. Mrs. Russell suffered a slight stroke of paralysis last summer while coming from Tolchester from which she never entirely recovered. She was, however, bright and cheerful in the morning and sat laughing and talking with her sister, Mrs. Hennie Usilton, and her daughter, Miss Nettie. She was stricken while sitting in a chair, and never spoke after the attack.

Mrs. Russell would have been sixty-one years of age on the 28th of March, and would have been married forty years on March 18th. Mrs. Russell was a Miss Sparks before marriage. A husband and six children survive her: Larry Bates, Miss Nettie, James, Alfred, Fred and Carl. Funeral services will be held at her late home at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon; Rev. J. M. Gill officiating; interment in Chester cemetery. John N. Dodd, funeral director.

ROBERT E. JONES.

Mr. Robert E. Jones, after a long illness, died at his home at Quaker Neck wharf, at 7 o'clock on Wednesday night, aged thirty-two years. He was a son of Mr. Robert Jones and was very popular. He was unmarried. Funeral services will be held at his home at 10 o'clock to morrow, Sunday morning. Interment in Wesley Chapel cemetery. Funeral director, J. R. Ferguson.

Church Notes.

The ladies of Union M. E. Church will hold a box-party at the home of Mr. B. F. Rash, on Wednesday evening, February 7th. If stormy, on the first fair evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Home and Outbuildings of Mr. Wm S. Hurlock Destroyed.

The home, outbuildings and nearly all of the furniture and clothing of Mr. Wm. S. Hurlock and family, were destroyed by fire at 8 o'clock on Saturday morning. Mr. Hurlock and his little daughter, Ada, were standing by a stove in the dining room, just having finished their breakfasts; Mrs. Hurlock and her other little girl, May, were still at the table. The child standing at the stove attracted her father's attention to a spark which she noticed fall from the ceiling. Mr. Hurlock looked up and saw a tiny flame darting out from around the stove pipe. He rushed upstairs and found a large circle burned in the floor around the stove pipe. A bucket of water was promptly brought and this flame put out, but the fire was seen eating its way under the floor between the floor and plastering. Several holes were cut in the floor and it soon became evident that the only thing to be done was to save as much of the movable property as possible, and surrender the building to the flames. There was only a colored man on the farm at the time and he did valiant service. With his assistance Mr. Hurlock moved a handsome piano, which it afterward required seven men to handle, to a point of safety in the yard. The unfortunate feature was, that this piano was insured for two hundred dollars and was the only article in the house protected by insurance. While it was being gotten from the building, in spite of the fact that a small army of neighbors had rushed to the scene to render any assistance possible, the fire had made such progress that all efforts to save the bulk of the lighter and uninsured property, proved unavailing. A parlor suite and one bed out of four were saved, together with some small articles, while every stitch of Mr. Hurlock's clothing, shoes, etc., and nearly everything belonging to Mrs. Hurlock and her little girls were swept away. Furniture, glass and chinaware, and a quantity of preserves, pickles and canned goods were all lost with the house. In about three quarters of an hour the comfortable home and its contents had been swept away. The flying brands had in the meantime been carried by the strong west wind which prevailed into a fodder rick adjoining the large barn, granary and stable, all under one roof about 130 feet by 30 feet. Wagons, plows, self-binders, and all the machinery were removed to points of safety and but a small number of farming implements were burned. The horses and other stock were driven into the field. It is a remarkable fact that a meat house within fifteen feet of the burned residence and exactly between the barn and the dwelling, was not scorched, and two small hen-houses also between the barn and the residence, but farther away, escaped.

When seen by a TRANSCRIPT representative on Sunday, Mr. Hurlock stated that every stitch of clothing he had in the world he was then wearing. He only saved the shoes which he wore and was forced to go to Kennedyville for a cap to wear. He said: "This is the first time in my life that I have been without a home. The savings of eighteen years have been swept away." While the TRANSCRIPT man was there Mr. Meredith came as a messenger from the good people of Kennedyville, stating that arrangements had been made in the village for the stabling of all of Mr Hurlock's horses.

In addition to the buildings and a quantity of shedding, five tons of hay and 100 bushels of corn were burned. Of 75 bushels of wheat in the granary, about 60 bushels were saved, and also a considerable quantity of corn. Mr. Hurlock estimated his loss at $2,500. He carried $1,870 insurance on the buildings in the Kent Mutual; $200 on household goods, in the American, represented by Mr. Tilghman Shafer; $1,400 on personalty.

Mrs. Hurlock and her little girls found a pleasant home after the fire with her mother, Mrs. Wm. Archibald, in Kennedyville. Mr. Hurlock is staying temporarily with his brother.

A CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to extend the sincere thanks of myself and family to the many kind friends who gave us their valuable assistance at the time of the recent loss of our home and our all by fire. All that vigorous manhood and kind friends could do, was done, and we wish to publicly express our most sincere appreciation for their kindness.

Wm. S. Hurlock, wife and little girls.

MILLINGTON NEWS.

What might have been a serious conflagration was averted here by the timely arrival of help, when the chimney of the old tenement house on Sassafras street, belonging to Mrs. Sarah South, of Philadelphia, and tenanted by Mrs. George Davis, got on fire at 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. The chimney was on fire in some places until about 9 o'clock at night. A piece of tin was fastened over the top, and the house was watched all night. Upon investigation the chimney was found to be lined with soot from two to three inches in thickness. This old house is situated near the heart of the town, and for many years has been a source of uneasiness to many residents in the vicinity. It is a mere shell, and the chimney very unsafe, the mortar in many places being entirely gone from between the bricks. It should be condemned by the town commissioners as unsafe.

Miss Clara Bryan spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Sudlersville.

Miss Ethel Stevens, of Crumpton, who has been visiting Miss Ollie Vansant, has returned home accompanied by Miss Vansant.

Mrs. Marian Whittington, of Baltimore, spent several days this week with friends here.

Mrs. Martha McWhorter spent Sunday the guest of Mrs. S. B. Richardson, at Masseys.

Mrs. W. F Collins is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Miss Olive Murphy, of Philadelphia, is visiting relatives in town.

Rev. D. F. Waddell was called last Saturday to Bethlehem to the bedside of his father, who is not expected to recover. Rev. Wm. Warner filled the pulpit Sunday morning for Dr. Waddell. In the evening the services were in charge of the Epworth League, as Rev. Jas. Purnell, who was to preach, could not get here on account of the stormy weather.

Mr. J. E. Bailey has been confined to his home for the past week suffering with a carbuncle.

Mr. B. M. Hazell was in Baltimore a few days last week on a business trip.

Mrs. J. P. Ahern and daughter, Miss Pearl, spent Friday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Geo. W. Dixon is quite ill at his home near town.

Mr. John Bottomley, Sr., spent a few days last week in Philadelphia.

Mr. Watson Spear, of Colorado, spent a few days last week with his cousin, Mr. J. E. Spear, near town, and has returned to his western home.

Mr. E. W. Spear has been compelled to run his flour mills by steam the greater part of this winter, owing to the lowness of the water in his pond. He is only able to run about one day in the week with water. Heretofore he has been able to run with water nearly all the winter.

Mr. John E. Bailey lost his valuable black mare last Saturday morning. The cause of her death is not definitely known. She was said by many persons who had driven her, to be one of the best horses they had even driven, and Mr. Bailey feels his loss keenly.

This has been a busy week with our liverymen, and Messrs. Mallalieu and Bailey have been constantly on the go. They could only accommodate the public by hiring extra horses. That is the way they like to see business—brisk.

Our new gasoline lamps now seem to be giving very good satisfaction under the supervision of Bailiff Charles Harris.

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There is no better medicine for the babies than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cures make it a favorite with mothers and small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds, preventing pneumonia or other serious consequences. It also cures croup and has been used in tens of thousands of cases without a single failure so far as we have been able to learn. It not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. In cases of whooping cough it liquefies the tough mucous, making it easier to expectorate, and lessens the severity and frequency of the paroxysms of coughing, thus depriving that disease of all dangerous consequences. For sale by M. A. Toulson.

GALENA ITEMS.

Galena, however suggestive in name of a combination of sulphur and lead, has in reality no known strata of these mineral products underlying its corporate limits, or the farm lands contiguous thereto. It claims to be the second town in importance, population and area in our county. Our physicians, merchants, mechanics and other citizens, are hospitable, intelligent and industrious. However, a certain lassitude, a symptom—the sure forerunner of a kind of spring-fever, common to most southern towns, pervades our merchants in dull business times. This disease is contagious, and becoming epidemic in any town, the only sure and well-known remedy is a judicious and persistent use of printer's ink; in variable doses (ads) daily if possible, at least weekly, until all symptoms of the disease disappears, and again as frequently as possible, to prevent a recurrence of this condition. The object is to keep our business before the people of the surrounding country by liberal advertising, by offering special inducements to them to come here, buy here, and make Galena what it should be, a great mass of trade. Galena prospective, however Rip Van Winkle like, will awaken from her lethargy, and see the necessity for a new and better municipal government. Galena needs a mayor, town council, police and fire protection, a police station-house, or a more safe lock-up for law breakers. We have forgotten the late disastrous fire that wiped out one-third of the town, and the inflammable character of our buildings. We need a steam fire engine and hose truck, with a capacity of 500 feet of 4 inch hose. A hook and ladder truck with ten ladders, extension 40 feet long, a bucket brigade supply. We need most of all an adequate artesian well water supply. We need a stand-pipe 80 feet high for necessary pressure through the mains to 10 fire plugs of 4 inch nozzle. We need an electric light plant, a trolley line from Georgetown through Galena to Lambson's to connect with the Penn. R. R.'s new branch of Delaware Division R. R., a daily paper and a bank. This is no Utopian dream, for the whole scheme is feasible. Must we wait for the initial hour of 21st century for its consummation? The desire even at the present time, is for a greater Galena annexation, after the manner of New York City. Must we annex our easterly and westerly suburbs, east and west branchtown, now known as Hilltown and Frogtown respectively? And again, like Chicago, in order to snub her once rival, St. Louis, threatened to annex the latter city as a suburban town. We, like that windy city, desire to annex Georgetown to outrival your town in area at least, if not in population.

Notwithstanding the blizzard west er of last Friday a number of our people left on the Kent train for Smyrna, Del., to hear the silver-tongued orator, Hon. William Jennings Bryan, speak on finance trusts, imperialism, etc., and several became so enthused with the prospective Bryan prosperity wave, that on their arrival at Clayton from Smyrna, mistook the splendidly equipped Norfolk Express, bound north with its parlor combination and day coaches, for their Kent train, boarding it, they again heard Mr. Bryan speak at night in the Wilmington Opera House. They left Wilmington on the midnight Norfolk Express, (couldn't ride on anything else) bound south, and reached Middletown, Del., at an early morning hour. Their ride home from the latter town in an open vehicle amid a cold and biting north wester, somewhat lowered their therometrical enthuse, and some time required in restoring their normal condition. Others remained in Middletown, Smyrna and Clayton all night, and returned by Kent train on Saturday.

The steamer Fannie, Capt. J. E. Woodall, (our freight boat) left Baltimore on last Friday at 12 M., arriving in the afternoon, reported having wind and choppy seas crossing the bay. The steamer Sassafras arrived Saturday night and reported no drift ice in mouth of the river. The high tide of Sunday and the increasing north-westerly winds, caused an embargo of heavy drift ice from the upper Susquehanna river. The steamer Sassafras left on Monday morning, and found heavy ice from Ordinary Point to below Betterton. After breaking five inch ice to force her way out on the Grove Point side of the river, she was compelled to return to Georgetown, from whence Capt. Harris, by telephone to Lambson's, wired Sup't Elisaon to send the city ice-boat; returned to Georgetown, made two attempts Wednesday in the morning and returned only to attempt it again in the afternoon. The steamers Sassafras and Fannie were as completely bottled up in this river as was Cevera's fleet in the Santiago harbor.

Mr. J. Robert Wilson, under pressure of his many orders for material, was compelled to place an additional engine and saw at his mill on the McCauley farm, making the combination 50 horse power, driving three separate and distinct saws.

Mr. Dennis Ford, aged about 30 years, a respected citizen of this town, died at 12 o'clock Tuesday night, after a lingering illness.

The Galena Cornet Band meets for rehearsal in the Band Hall on each Monday and Friday evenings. The dancing class rehearses on each Wednesday evening. The young men of Galena and vicinity propose to give a pre-lental dance in one of our town halls, probably about February 15th.

New Advertisements.

Mr. Joseph Guest of this town, comes out in this issue with his 1900 avertisements. On last Saturday he received the largest consignment of woven wire fences that ever came into our county, and he offers a large discount for prompt cash buyers. Look for it, read it, take advantage of this bargainer's offer before another advance is announced, which is likely to come soon as the season for demand is near at hand.

In this issue you will find an advertisement of Black Death. Look for it, it will prove of interest to ladies, truckers and farmers.

IN MEMORIAM.

TURNER.—At the home of her son, J. Leonard Turner, near Kennedyville, Mrs. Sarah M. Turner, died on Saturday morning, January 20th, 1900, aged 57 years.

NO MOTHER NOW.

In fond remembrance of our dear mother, Mrs. Sarah M. Turner.

We have no mother now;
That faithful heart is stilled,
The voice forever hushed
The lips forever chilled.

We have no mother now;
But the celestial shores
Are ringing with her praises
To the Lamb forever more.

We have no mother now;
She sleeps beneath the sod,
Her weary heart's at rest,
Her spirit is with God.

We have no mother now;
And oh! we miss her so!
But we shall always strive
To conquer the evil foe.

We have no mother now;
God alone knows why,
For it was His own will
That she should die.

We have no mohter now,
And oh! what tears of woe
Fall o'er a mother's tomb,
No one save orphans know.

But He is the God of love,
Who knows our grief and pain
And soon the loved and lost
Will give to us again.

HER CHILDREN.

FROM THE SIXTH.

Winter has again settled down upon us. The Chesapeake is filled with ice from shore to shore. The steamer was unable to make her wharf at Tolchester on Monday, and a number of passengers and a quantity of freight did not get away. The steamer Sassafras was frozen in the ice in Sassafras river. Among the passengers to take the steamer was Representative Kendall, who, by missing the boat, was not able to participate in the Reform League's Police Reorganization bill.

The freeze-up caught the bay fishermen with many nets out, which they have no hope of saving.

The breaking up of ice in the Susquehanna river last week brought some logs and much kindling wood down the bay.

Many of our farmers who are interested in the creamery business, would like to see the Lankford creamery become a part of the one at Fairlee, as all the work can be handled at Fairlee and a great saving be the result, and better profits to all. Come lets get together on this.

Our Mite Society met at Mrs. Morris Bramble's this week, and a good and profitable time was the result.

Is there some fellow with money who would like to start a canning house at Fairlee? Tell him to come, it is the best place in Kent for one.

Are we to have no bills passed for Kent? What has become of the plan to divide the districts? Is it not a fact that the Fifth is too big at present?—and the schools, fish, oysters and, last but not least, the poll-tax. Time is flying and none of these started yet. Let the people speak—now is the time. Don't wait until it's too late and then blame your representatives.

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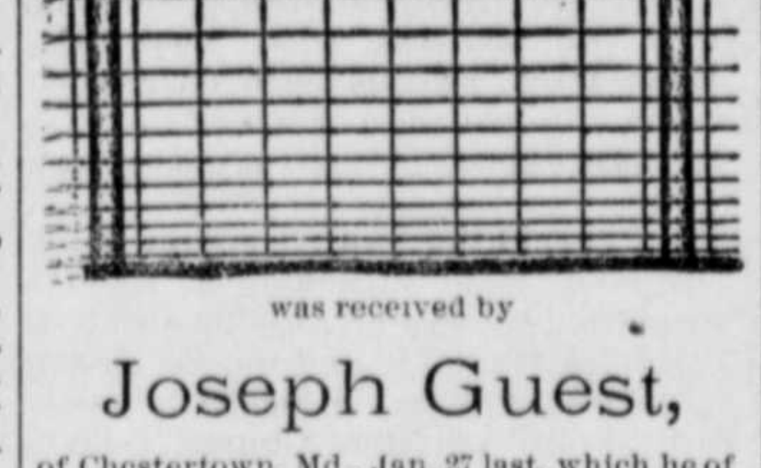
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Respectfully, etc.,
GEORGE B. McWHORTER,
Chestertown, Md

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Joseph Guest,

of Chestertown, Md., Jan. 27 last, which he offers for sale for cash and in full roll lots at a twenty per cent. discount from printed list prices, making an 8-wire fence with 16 stay wires per rod—50c. per rod. Other styles and heights in proportion.

I will loan Stretchers, or furnish men to hang it at 3c. per rod.

Also, a consignment of Barb, Galvanized Smooth Wire, Nos. 9 and 10, on hand.

Can supply you with

Poulty Fence, Foultry Netting, Carden Fence, Fence Staples, Fence Ratchets

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Asbestine Water Paint,

Wheeler Gravity Cream Separators, Extension, Plain and Step Ladders.

All the above goods in stock at my place of business on East Cross St., Chestertown.

☞ I also have Baled Hay in stock for sale. A car load of Bright Clover Hay now in transit.

JOSEPH GUEST,
Feb. 3 4m. Chestertown, Md.

Wm. H. Krusen,



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Fine lot of Fancy Dress Satines reduced to	8½
Lot of new light outings	5
Ladies' heavy w'g't vests & pants	33
Extra quality Men's heavy undershirts	37½
Glass Table Set, four pieces for only	19
Good Kitchen Lamp with reflector just the thing to hang up in the kitchen. Our low price	29

Easy bright stove polish	3
Fine Laundry Soap	2½
We are selling the best Pulverized Borax	12½
Good Cocoanuts	3
Fine Quality Corn Starch	3½
1 pound package of currants or seeded raisins	7½

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A large lot of MATTING just arrived.

We offer first choice 50 rolls at only 14½

These mattings are very fine and are worth 30 per cent. more than we ask for them. Price 14½c. per yard.

Heavy China Mattings,	19
Another large lot, cheap at 25c. Our price will be 19c.	
Lot of Children's rubbers	15c
Fine Rose Toilet Soap, 3 cakes in Box	10

WASH BASINS.

Large size Agate Wash Basins	13
4 lb. package Gold Dust	15
Barker's Horse and Cattle Powders, package	12½
Fine Can Corn	5
Washing Soda, per lb	1
Fine New Prunes	5
Klondyke Coffee Mill, with drawer	10

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DOILIES, SCARFS, CENTRE PIECES, BELTS, PORT-MANTEAUS, PERFUMES, and a number of other beautiful gifts for the Christmas season. With a general invitation to call, and best wishes for a joyous Christmastide,

Very truly,

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