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LOCAL MATTERS.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE.

Lewin W. Wickes, Attorney—Fine farm—Tuesday, March 13th.

John C. Davis, sheriff—House and lot of land—Tuesday, March 13th.

John C. Davis, Sheriff—House and lot of land of J. E. and Catharine S. Newton, in Chestertown—Tuesday, March 6th.

Grain Market.

Quotations in yesterday's papers: Wheat, No. 2 red, 70¾c. Corn, 40@41½c.

Creamery Sold.—The creamery located at Crumpton has been purchased by Highley B. Orem from H. Clay Hendrix, and the former assumed charge on Wednesday. The creamery is located on Chester River, in the centre of the best grazing lands of Queen Anne and Kent counties.

Peaches All Right.—Mr. John Bell, a veteran peach-grower, states that an examination of his peach trees discloses the fact that one-third of the buds are killed. He declares that he is not disposed to raise the annual peach scare about the crop, and says that there are more than enough sound, healthy buds left, barring future mishaps, to assure a "big crop."

Catching Crows.—The Kent crow crop is good this year. The birds for trap shooting purposes are caught at night in a novel way in the branches where they roost. Any desired number of men with lanterns get in the trees while other men disturb the birds, driving them toward the lights. The birds become bewildered by the light and are easily caught and placed in bags.

The Schuberts Coming.—The Schubert quartet, by all odds the most popular musical entertainers who have ever appeared in Stam's Hall, are booked to appear in Chestertown on Friday evening, March 9. Mr. George H. Iott, the inimitable basso, is the only one of the old favorites who will be here, but the old-time merit of the quartet has been preserved.

A Fine Light.—During the uncertainty as to whether or not the electric lighting contract would be renewed, the board of town commissioners secured one of the "Best Street Lamps" sold by Mr. J. H. Ruth, of Eastern Neck Island, and gave it a test. The lamp gives a brilliant, white light and was entirely satisfactory to all who saw it. Gasoline is used in it and by means of a delicate hood over the flame an effect is produced which rivals the electric light.

How Are These for Prices?—The following Klondike prices are interesting in Kent. At the last report wood was selling at $65 per cord, coal at 7 cents a pound or $156.80 a ton, flour was selling at $6 a sack, bacon, 30 to 40 cents a pound; ham, 45 cents; sugar, 25 cents; dried fruit, 25 cents. Eggs, fresh potatoes and onions were out of the market by December 1, when eggs sold for $3 a dozen and potatoes and onions at $15 for a hundred pound crate.

Town Lighting.—The town commissioners and Messrs. Tracey and Wright reached an agreement on Saturday and executed a three years contract for the lighting of Chestertown at an annual cost of $1,120. To avoid any possibility of an annual controversy as to renewals of contract and unsettled charges, the commissioners insisted upon a three year contract, agreeing to meet the electric light company's last offer of $1,120 upon that condition. Messrs. Tracy and Wright agreed to this and a contract was promptly executed.

More Lamb Records.—One of the most remarkable cases of prolific ewes comes from Lankford. Mr. John E. Morris had two ewes which gave birth to four lambs during the blizzard of 1899 in February. The same two ewes gave birth to three lambs in August, and now have four other fine lambs by their side. This makes thirteen lambs, or an average of one a month from these ewes in thirteen months. This is a difficult record to beat. A Quaker Neck farmer also holds his own in the profitable department of sheep farming. He has twenty-two ewes with forty-one lambs now living, and has lost but one lamb.

Mr. Hynson Won.—Richard D. Hynson, Esq., has won a signal legal victory in the case of Emory vs. Emory. This is a case in which Mr. Frank A. Emory, executor of the late Elizabeth A. Emory, sued the widow and children of the late William Emory, to enforce the collection of arrearages of dower amounting to $3,838.59. The defense was that the dower charged upon the land by the will was revoked by a codicil, and this view of the case was taken by Judge Pearce, who rendered the decision in favor of the defendants. Messrs. R. D. Hynson and P. B. Hopper represented the defendants, and E.H.Brown,Esq.,the plaintiff.

Fishermen Interested.—Betterton fishermen are deeply interested in Annapolis legislation relative to Chesapeake bay fishing interests. They are largely interested in hook and line fishing, as the great popularity of their pretty resort rests largely upon the fine sport to be found on its fishing grounds. Some of the Isaak Waltons who visit Betterton during the summer will hail with delight the following announcement: To securely hold a fish when hooked a new fishing device has an auxiliary hook pivoted to the shank of the bait-holder, the latter depending from the end of the line and the former being controlled by a spring catch, to fall and spear the fish when it takes the bait.

Too Aggressive.—Upon the complaint of a number of ladies of Chestertown, an altogether too aggressive peddler was placed under arrest several days ago. The man, about twenty-three years of age, was selling a preparation for polishing silver. He applied at a number of homes and was extremely insulting and refused to leave when ordered. One lady secured his exit by means of a bucket of boiling water. Mrs. Edw.Ringgold had to force him from her home, and at Mr. James Roe's home, as at a number of other places, he refused to leave. Justice B. N. S. Wilkins gave the fellow an eloquent but stinging reprimand which induced the offender to weep copiously, he then let him go.

They Stacked Arms.—Mr. John Bordley, on February the twenty-second recalled an occurrence of forty years ago, which was of great interest to the remaining few of the "Old Reed Rifles." It was on February the twenty-second, forty years ago, that the Reed Rifles, in command of Capt. Eben F. Perkins, went to Washington to attend the unveiling of a statue of George Washington. The Kent soldiers had no bayonets on their guns, and just prior to the usual command to "stack," were quietly told that they could lean their guns against the wall. But when the command was given "arms," every gun of the Reed Rifles, to the amazement of the city soldiery, stood stacked in its place. Some of the Chestertown survivors of this old company are: Capt., E. F. Perkins; Lieut. John Bordley, J. W. Chapman, Milton Baker, T. W. Russell and S. F. Smith.

No Business Change in the Firm.—So far as the general management or business policy of the firm of Beck, Walker and Brown is concerned, the death of Mr. Walker will make no change whatever. Mr. P. B. Hollis will remain as the agricultural chemist, and as in the past will give the farming community the benefit of his large experience and knowledge in the combination of materials for the very finest grades of fertilizers. Mr. H. M. Brown, so well and favorably known to nearly every farmer in Kent and Queen Anne, will devote his time to the business routine of the firm. Many friends of the old business feared that the death of Mr. Walker would make some radical change as to the personnel and future character of the popular fertilizer manufacturers.

Largely Attended Sales.—The sales of the valuable personalty of Bedford Roe, on Monday; R. A. Shallcross, on Tuesday, and J. H. Clendaniel, on Wednesday, were all largely attended. The intensely disagreeable weather, of course kept many away from the Roe sale on Monday, yet, all things considered, the attendance was large. Persons were there from Queen Anne and Cecil counties, and E. E. Marsh and D. A. Aiken, from Warwick. Mr. Aiken purchased Romulus, the fine six-year-old, for $125. Cows sold for from $25 to $32; five sows brought $47.50, heifers sold for from $15 to $24, and horses for from $30 to $125. A large number of persons attended the Shallcross sale on Tuesday, and as a rule, satisfactory prices were received. The sale of J. H. Clendaniel, on Wednesday, attracted one of the greatest crowds ever seen at a sale in the county. Horses sold as high as $125, mules for over $200 and cattle for from thirty-odd dollars to about forty-five. All of this property was advertised only in the TRANSCRIPT, and the attendance in each case was a most flattering endorsement of the paper as an advertising medium.

New Telephone Service.—The Eastern Shore Telegraph and Telephone Company, of Caroline county, has executed a mortgage of $100,000 to Wm.H. Dewees, trustee, to secure a like amount of five per cent. bonds to be issued. This mortgage is to be recorded in Cecil, Kent, Talbot and Dorchester counties, where the company has acquired property. The object to be attained is the blending of the Eastern Shore with the Diamond State Telephone Company and increasing the combined stock to $250,000, which will enable the combination to greatly improve and extend its lines. The mortgage above referred to is signed by Harry A. Richardson, the president. It bears $49.50 worth of revenue stamps. Deeds conveying the Union Line of Talbot and the Cecil lines to the big concern have been received by Dewees and Owens, attorneys for the company. Mr. Wilbur W. Hubbard, the director from Kent, informs us that by next fall Kent county will be lined up, connecting us with the whole of the Eastern Shore, Delaware, as well as Wilmington, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and other points. Mr. Wm. H. Baker, the manager, is expected in Kent in a few weeks to carry into execution the proposed plans.

Court House Chat.

Some provision should be made for the protection from fire of the many valuable old records now unprotected in the Kent county court house. The experience of other counties point a moral which Kent would do well to heed.

Mr. Joshua Bryan has commenced opening the new assessment books and doing other work in the county commissioners' office.

The newly appointed justices of the peace will assume their duties on May the first. Justice-elect Melvin will occupy the office in the *Kent News* Building, until recently occupied by William M. Slay, Esq.

Auctioneer Greenwood is known as the "affable joker" of the court house. He is one of the most generally informed citizens of Chestertown.

Court bailiff, J. Evan Thomas is a man of prodigious memory, and is the recognized authority on horses and chronological matters.

Tresurer-elect Charles S. Smith will assume the duties of his office on June the first.

Church Notes.

Shortly after Easter Cardinal Gibbons will leave Baltimore for Rome.

Dr. Henry B. Martin, rector of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal church, is expected to arrive in Chestertown with his family to-day and occupy the rectory on Queen street.

Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, was observed as the last day before the beginning of Lent, of which Wednesday was the first day. The day gets its name from the ancient practice in the Church of Rome of confessing sins and being shrived or shrove; that is, obtaining absolution on this day. As a popular festival, the character of the day is mirthful, and in some countries it is made a season of carnival-like jollity. In olden times there was a preparation and devouring of pancakes all through the day, so that the cakes and the day became associated in the popular mind. Pancakes are still eaten in many families on Shrove Tuesday.

Last evening after prayer service in the M. E. Church, a large company of the many friends of Dr. J. T. Twilley followed this highly respected christian gentleman to his home on High street, where they gave him a complete surprise. The occasion was thought of by the younger element of the church as being the best way of expressing their very high regard for the worthy gentlemen who has been a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and by his great usefulness, consistent and deep interest in every department of church work, has ever been a source of inspiration and encouragement to both young and old alike. The evening was delightfully spent and the doctor was left in good cheer after he had once recovered from the shock. A book was presented to him as a small token of the much love and high esteem of the people. After wishing him many happy days to come, the company retired to their homes.

SOCIAL PLEASURES.

A pleasant masquerade party was enjoyed by about seventy five persons at the home of Mr. Joseph Watson, on Tuesday evening. The guests came in every conceivable costume and the effect was most picturesque and pleasing. Dancing and a generally delightful time made the hours pass all to quickly by. Fine music was furnished by Messrs. David B. Ford, Louis Herrick, Warren and Harry Hurlock. An elegant luncheon of sandwitches, salads, coffee and chocolate was served during the evening.

A number of ladies and gentlemen of Chestertown delightfully surprised Mr. and Mrs. P. A. M. Brooks, several evenings ago. It required but a moment however, for mine host and hostess to recover sufficiently to extend a most pleasant reception. Among those in the party were: Misses Minnie Massey, Beulah Hayes, Jennie Hines, May Jones, Beulah Winter, Olevia Wilkins; Messrs. E. Thomas Massey, H. B. Constable, Wilbur Elisson, Thomas Massey and C. H. B. Massey.

LITTLE LOCALS.

† Millingtonians are patiently awaiting the first run of herring.

† John Bailey, colored, was painfully injured on Tuesday by being kicked in the face by a paper mill mule.

† A prominent Morgnec farmer says that 40-cent corn, if it continues, will cut the tomato acreage. But it won't continue.

† Because of the small attendance nothing was done by the gunners on Tuesday relative to the purchase of stock birds for Kent.

† Baynard, the man wanted for the robbery of the store of Mr. Thomas Stockton Wickes several weeks ago, it is believed has been located.

† Dr. H. B. Simmons bought the fine driving mare, Three Tips, at the Clendaniel sale. Three Tips is considered one of the finest roadsters in the county.

† Rock Hall wants a crab-canning plant. Capt. C. R. Kerr says that the roadways of a lower Chesapeake city are made of crab shells from local canneries.

† The *Afro-American Speaker*, a paper having a colored editor, is paying its respects to some Kent county republican leaders in real campaign fashion.

† The members of the Ladies Improvement Association, of Chestertown, are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, on next Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

† Harry K. Stout, the young Delawarean who was lodged in jail some time ago for general disorderly conduct, was bailed out of jail by his mother, on Thursday.

† The anticipated repairs to the Burchinal wharf property of Messrs. Bacchus and Usilton, have been delayed by unfavorable conditions of the weather. The piling is in place ready for the work to begin.

† Messrs. Crane & Trenchard Bros., with the ground covered with snow and the thermometer down to 10°, have been busily engaged in shipping large quantities of peach baskets to distant points.

† Justice of the Peace J. W. Wright, is preparing a public lecture on phrenology. Mr. Wright was at one time on the lecture platform as a business, and Phrenology is a science upon which he is fully posted.

† The family of Mr. W. H. Carroll, living on the farm of Wm.W. Beck, Esq., is sorely afflicted. One child has died of appendicitis and three others are sick with diphtheria. Later—One of the three children suffering with diphtheria died yesterday.

† The price paid by Mr. VanDyke, of Dover, Del., for the Robert A. Shallcross farm, near Locust Grove, was $10,500. This is one of the finest farms in Kent county, and adjoins the fine properties of Mr. Thomas J. Shallcross and Mr. J. W Hurtt.

† A meeting of a number of the business men of Galena and vicinity, took place on Tuesday, having in view the establishment of a Savings Bank in that town. The matter is assuming form and the prospects are that the enterprise will be carried through.

† Contractor Robert N. Boston, on Monday commenced the preliminary work for the erection of a large two-story building, 32 by 60 feet, in the rear of the hardware store of Isaac Robinson, High street. The building will be complete in its appointments and will front on Cannon street.

† The steamer Emma Giles, of the Tolchester Line, has been painted and renovated throughout, and her engines and boilers were overhauled. After being refurnished and recarpeted, she will take her place on the Choptank and West River route on March 5.

† A schooner load of lumber, purchased of Mr. Elmer E. Leary, at his Grey's Inn mill by Mr. E. W. Scarborough, to be used in the large new warehouse to be erected on Cannon street, was caught in the ice in Grey's Inn creek this week. It will arrive in ample time, however, for the work.

† Mr. J. S. Cummins, died of heart trouble after a ten-minute's illness at his home in Baltimore, on Saturday night. He called his wife and before a physician could be sent for death had resulted. Mrs. Cummins, was before marriage Miss Bettie Ruth, a daughter of the late Capt. T. deC. Ruth, of Kent.

AN UNUSUAL WINTER.

Navigation Closed Three Times During a Single Season.

The past winter inaugurated a rather unusual record. One of the most unpleasant and unusual features of the season was that of three separate and distinct interruptions to navigation by ice.

The B.S.Ford left Chestertown Monday and encountered ice across the bay and in the Patapsco. A striking feature was that while the bay was frozen across Chester river was reported entirely open for some distance from its mouth. The Ford started on her return trip on Tuesday, but encountered heavy ice in the Patapsco, and returned to Baltimore. The Gratitude made her trip, but encountered heavy ice. The steamer Susquehanna left Baltimore for Tolchester, but after getting as far as the Shoals Light, returned because of heavy ice.

A letter from an officer of the B. S. Ford on Thursday stated that at no time during the winter had there been as much and as heavy ice in the bay as during the present week.

A dispatch from Annapolis on Tuesday stated that:

"The oyster police schooner Anna B. Smith is reported frozen in the ice in Chester river. Commander E. S. S. Turner, of the State fishery force, in the steamer Governor Thomas, to-day attempted to go to her rescue, but could not get within three miles of the vessel. Captain Turner requested the Governor to have the iceboat Latrobe sent to her assistance."

The Chester river steamer B. S. Ford is expected to certainly arrive at Chestertown this afternoon.

In the Courts

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

John C. Davis, sheriff	$ 34.65
Henry Parr, material	4.60
Joseph E. Boyd, J. P.	4.20
H. D. McClary, road work	18.80
Wm. B. Plummer, road work	.85
Wm. Pinder, road work	9.46
W. T. Nicholson, Exm. road	4.00
H. N. Greenwood, road work	.50
Wm. Biggers, road work	4.00
Mutual Fire Ins. Co., Ins. prem	52.95
L. B. Russell, Agt. Insurance	105.67
W. T. Sutton & Son	27.41
L. B. Duyer, work on bridge	.50
Walter S. Trew, mdse	45.67
J. E. Ferguson, Undertaker	6.50
E. H. Hague, road work	5.00
Wm. Keating, road work	12.50
Pierson Jewell, road work	11.50
D. W. Crosby, J. P. fees	7.95
D. W. Crosby, witness fees	3.96
Robt. F. Jewell, cons't. fees	13.35
Jno. W. Duyer, bridge keeper	20.83
Susan Wilmer, pension	10.00

ORPHANS' COURT.

Court met with Judges Jacobs, Harper and Hudson present.

Letters were granted on the estate of William S. Walker to Wm. S. Walker, Jr., and Wm. W. Beck; and Wm. Morris and Horace B.Constable appointed to appraise said estate, and ordered that notice to creditors be published.

Columbus A. Leary, administrator of Edward Rodney, deceased, returned report of sales of the personal estate of said deceased, which was filed, approved and ordered to be recorded.

Wm. B. Usilton, administrator of Jas. E. Blackiston, deceased, returned an inventory of the personal estate of said deceased, which was filed, examined and ordered to be recorded.

Ordered that Wm. S. Walker, Jr., and Wm. W. Beck, administrators of Wm. S. Walker, be authorized to sell personalty of said deceased at public sale.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The Pretty Home of Mr. Samuel J. Wickes, at Rock Hall, Now in Ashes.

The pretty home of Mr. Samuel J. Wickes, at Rock Hall, was totally destroyed by fire just before noon on Tuesday. Mrs. Wickes is spending the winter in Baltimore, and Mr. Wickes had gone to his store some distance from his home. During the cold weather a coal oil stove had been kept burning in a room in which were a number of Mrs. Wickes' flowers, to prevent their freezing. Mr. Beale, the efficient young clerk in Mr. Wickes' store, had gone to the house for some purpose, and heard a noise as of an explosion. An investigation disclosed the fact that the coal oil stove had exploded and the room was a mass of flame. He made an heroic effort to combat the flames single-handed, but was badly burned and fell unconscious in the burning house, completely overcome by heat and smoke. Mr. William Larrimore and others discovered the perilous position of the young man and rescued him. Mr. Beale was soon brought back to consciousness and made an heroic fight to save the home of his employer. Mr. Marion Coleman, of Chestertown, rendered splendid service and made a thrilling escape with his life. He dashed through a window just in time to escape being caught under the falling roof. Some of the plainer furniture and other household goods were saved, but unfortunately the handsomer suites of furniture were locked in rooms, and in the excitement were not gotten out and were destroyed with the doomed home. A general alarm was sounded and a great army of willing helpers rushed to the rescue of the dwelling, but it was found impossible to do more than save some of the furniture from the burning house and protect nearby buildings. The dwelling was insured for $750, the furniture for $900 and stable and granary for $350, in the Kent Mutual.

The home of Mr. Wickes was one of the most beautiful in Kent county. The residence, not so pretentious as some others possibly, was kept in perfect order, and was picturesquely embowered in vines. During the summer months banks of rich green foliage dotted with many colored blossoms, formed a picture not to be duplicated in the county. The spacious grounds were perfectly kept, and the work of the landscape gardner was reduced to an art in their arrangement,—in short, it was an ideal home. With rockeries, mounds and handsome plants, the finest effects were produced.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. B. L. Fleming, who died suddenly in Pennsylvania recently, left a benefit of $3000 in the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Fleming was a brother of Mr. B. F. Fleming, of Chestertown.

Dr. Robert McFeely Price, of Centreville, the recently appointed State Fire Marshall, is a nephew of Mr. William J. McFeely, of Washington College. He has never been before the people for their suffrages, although in 1897 he was prominently mentioned for the democratic nomination for Comptroller and was spoken of as a possible candidate for Congress four years ago. He has figured in the Congressional conventions of this district for the past twelve years, having been not only a delegate from Queen Anne county, but president of the last six conventions consecutively. He presided over the convention at Ocean City in 1898, which nominated the present Governor, John Walter Smith, for Congress.

Miss Cora Reed, left on Monday to attend the spring millinery openings in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. After an exhaustive examination of the latest and most attractive millinery novelties, the Misses Reed will lay in their large stock for the spring season.

Col. and Mrs. Wm. P. Howard, and Mrs. Howard's mother, Mrs. Duer, will make their future home in Cape Charles City.

Mr. Thomas F. McNulty, the sweet singer of the "Farmer Brown" and many other campaigns, has been made a member of the Baltimore city jail board. Mr. McNulty has frequently visited Kent and has many friends in the county. In voting for the confirmation of Mr. McNulty, Mr. Guyton designated him as "The sweet singer of Israel."

Col. W. J. Vannort attended the G. A. R. State encampment in Baltimore, last week, and was elected alternate delegate-at-large to the National Encampment.

Miss Lillie Crow entertained quite a number of her friends at her home, on High street, on Monday evening. Those present were: Misses Hope Wallis, Bessie and May Cannon, Maggie Joiner, Carrie and Nannie Ford, Elsye Fallowfield and Messrs Harvey Boggs, Foster Cannon, Lewis Flynn, Howard Owens, Harry Fallowfield and Fred Russell. Games and music of all kinds were enjoyed until a late hour.

Mr. Walter Bennett is suffering with a painful wound caused by the blade of a hatchet slipping off the handle and striking his hand.

A license was issued on Tuesday for the marriage of Mr. Clarence M. Webb and Miss Burgess Rollison, both of near Kennedyville.

Mr. Owen C. and Dr. Frank W. Smith, of Baltimore have been guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Smith, the past few days.

Messrs. J. T. DeCorse, Samuel Greenwood, Wm. Ambrose Carroll and George H. Camp, attended a dance given in Centreville last week.

Mr. Joseph E. Gilpin, who has been ill at his home near Worton Station, is reported as being much better.

Dr. J. H. W. G. Weedon, of Church Hill, was in town on Wednesday, and made a pleasant call at the TRANSCRIPT office.

Mr. Frank Connelly has accepted a desirable position in the Chestertown store of Mr. Isaac Robinson.

Mr. J. B. Krusen, a brother of Mr. W. H. Krusen, of Still Pond, is chairman of the Jolly Bachelors Club, of Smyrna. The *Call* last week gave fine likenesses of the officers of the organization.

Mr. J. B. McIntyre is again able to be on the street after a protracted illness.

Prof. Thomas D. Bowers, of St. Michaels, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Gussie Cannon spent last week with friends and relatives in Centreville.

Miss Blanche Cox has returned from a two weeks visit with friends in Baltimore city.

Miss Fannie Smith is visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. Owen C.Smith, Baltimore.

Miss Maggie Joiner, of Philadelphia, is the guest of the Misses Cannon, on High street.

Miss Elsye Fallowfield has been spending a few days with the Misses Ford, Quaker Neck.

Capt. R. S. Emory was in Annapolis last week looking after State's Horticultural interests.

Mr. Benjamin Greenwood has returned home after a protracted visit with friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. Holt Eliason, of Philadelphia, spent several days of last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Eliason.

Mr. Ben Pragg, the popular clerk at Mr. M. A. Toulson's drug store, has been spending a few days at his home in Cambridge.

A NEW INDUSTRY.

A Large Acreage in Peas to be Planted Near Chestertown.

With the passing of the peach came the Keiffer pear and the tomato, and with the opening of the extensive canning establishments of Isaac Robinson at different points in the county, pea growing is to assume valuable proportions. Mr. E. W. Scarborough proposes to contract for two hundred and fifty acres in peas alone, in the vicinity of Chestertown, for the Robinson cannery. This is an entirely new industry in this section, and as a matter of general interest to the farming community, the TRANSCRIPT secured from Mr. Snodgrass, Mr. Scarborough's Chestertown representative, the following points as to "One way to grow peas." Mr. Snodgrass said:

"As soon as ground can be worked in the spring, prepare the land by deep plowing and thorough harrowing. Ground that has been well cultivated for several years is best—sod is not desirable. Run double rows or trenches 6 inches deep and always from east to west. Have these rows about 8 inches apart and the distance between these double rows 2 ft. 6 inches for early and 3 ft. for late. Sow phosphate or fine manure in the bottom of these trenches, but do not scatter too much. Use from 300 to 600 lbs. phosphate rich in potash. Sow the peas at the rate of two bushels of early varieties or one and a half bushel of late per acre and cover with a plow. Double rows are better than single, as they support each other. When the peas have sprouted and are within about an inch of the top of the soil, run a light harrow or Hallock's weeder lengthwise of the rows to break the crust and to stop the grass and weeds from growing. When peas are about 4 inches high, cultivate carefully and again when about to blossom. No more cultivation is necessary, unless unusually dry and hot, then they should be cultivated oftener. When the peas begin to form in the pod, watch them carefully and when about three-quarters their full size, begin to mow them and send to the cannery without delay; they require quick handling at this stage to prevent heating. The price paid usually and what is being paid this year at other points is 2½ cents per pound for the peas as they come from the viner and before they are fanned. They can be mowed with a mowing machine or with weed scythes and hauled to the cannery the same as hay."

STILL POND FARMERS' CLUB.

Interesting Questions Discussed by the Farmers.

The Still Pond Farmers' Club met at the home of Mr. E. B. Pennington on Thursday. The morning session was not regularly opened as the threatening weather caused the late arrival of most of the members, though there was considerable discussion on several matters pertaining to farming, among them the question as to whether dairying paid the tenant farmer as well as the owner of the farm, who lived on and farmed his own land? Some thought the tenant who gave no share of the product, ought to do well. Others said the owner did better, as his land was benefited by the manure made by the grain-fed cows, while the tenant's grain-fed cows benefited the landlord. The question was not decided, but it was noticed that the tenants took one side and the owners the other.

After dinner the afternoon session was opened with the president in the chair, and the first question was from the ladies; "What is a fair daily average of eggs from one hundred hens?" This question brought on discussion in which the ladies joined on the feeding and general management of hens in winter to get the best results. Most of the members fed a warm feed in the morning, consisting of scraps from the table and a mixture of bran and meal, boiled potatoes' wheat screenings in straw for them to scratch, and all the corn they would eat at night. One of the ladies had tried Prof. Rice's plan of giving the warm feed at noon, with the result of almost stopping the egg production. It was found that those who did not, got about two-thirds as many as they had hens.

The tomato question also came up, and it was stated that the reason the packers were so slow to talk about contracting was that they could only place orders at 67½ cents, and could not pack at a profit for less than 72 cents. The members decided they could not grow tomatoes for less than six dollars a ton, the packers to find the baskets.

The next question was, "Why do so many farmers think there is no profit in keeping cows and sending milk to the creamery?" Several farmers were mentioned who had been successful, but they all gave personal attention to the feeding, care and milking of their cows, and it was thought that there is not much chance of profit without such attention.

The question was next asked, "How is the stand of clover?" It was found by questioning the members that there was not more than one-half an average stand.

Next question was, "Is there any early potato better than the Early Rose?" It was thought the best by all the members.

The club adjourned to meet at the residence of Mr. Joshua E.Jarrell on the last Thursday in March.

FROM ROCK HALL.

The box social given by the young ladies of the M. E. Church, at Mrs. Miller's on Friday evening, was a social and financial success. The bidding was spirited among the young men when they felt quite certain that the box on sale was presented by the "best girl;" one important consequence is that the church will soon be the possessor of a handsome new silver communion service.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at Mrs. W. P. Middleton's on Tuesday afternoon. A majority of the members answered to their names at the roll-call.

The C. E. Society of Wesley Chapel held a social in the form of a pink tea at Edesville hall, on Thursday evening. A more charming way of spending an evening it would be hard to imagine.

The K. of P.'s assembled in their hall last Thursday evening with their families and friends. The occasion was the annual reunion which had necessarily been postponed for several days, but no fitter time could have been chosen than February the twenty-second, for the memory of the great Washington is always inspiring. Mr. J. B. Schwatka was the orator of the occasion. The supper was delicious; and dancing to the music of the string band was the chief amusement of the young folk.

Washington's birthday was also duly observed at Deep Landing school by the presentation of a Bible and a flag, the gift of Rock Hall Council Jr. O. U. A. M. The presentation speech was made by Rev. W. B. Guthrie, and that of acceptance by the teacher, Miss Nettie Deane.

Capt. Benj. Coleman, while on his way from Baltimore in his schooner, The Herald, when just outside of Seven-foot Knoll Light, lost his rudder and an anchor. Valuable assistance was rendered him by Capt. Winfield Scott, who, though alone on the schooner Merchant, took him in tow and succeeded in bringing him across the bay. The wind being ahead, the steamer Gratitude towed the disabled vessel from the bar to the harbor. But for the aid of Captains Scott and Taylor, the result might have been very serious for Capt. Coleman.

The police schooner, Anna B. Smith, was abandoned on Tuesday by her crew, who reported that the vessel had sprung aleak and was in a sinking condition. It was probably due to a cut by the ice which had again closed the harbor. The end of the century bids fair to be a notable year in weather conditions.

The young German boy who was accidentally shot a couple of weeks ago, is improving rapidly, and is expected to be at home in several weeks more.

The announcement on Monday evening of the marriage of Mr. Morris Willson and Miss Ida Downey, which had just been solemnized in Chestertown, came as a surprise to Mrs. Willson's family, they having had no intimation of her intention. May all prosperity attend them. The ceremony was performed by Father McSweeny. Q.

A. R. De Fluent, editor of the *Journal*, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by M. A. Toulson.

OVER THE TRAPS.

Sportsmen Enjoy Shooting at Crows and Blue Rocks at Lynch's.

A number of Kent county gunners enjoyed rare sport shooting at crows and blue rocks, at Lynchs station, on Wednesday afternoon. The crows afforded most pleasure to the shooters. The first round at crows was at 23-yard rise, miss and out. This was found to be too close as the big black fellows were slow to rise and were too easily struck. The traps were then moved to the 33-yard point when matters were far different, and some of the best shots allowed some crows to sail off unharmed. Galena, Betterton, Chestertown and Lynch's were represented. The score was as follows:

BLUE ROCKS.

James Mulford	1	1	1	1	0
Roby Toulson	1	0	1	1	0
C. Brice	1	1	1	1	1
A. N. Stavely	1	0	1	1	0

BLUE ROCKS.

C. Brice	1	1	0	1	0
J. Mulford	0	1	1	0	1
Roby Toulson	1	0	1	1	1
John Brice	1	0	0	1	1

BLUE ROCKS.

William Moody	1	0	1	1	0
Samuel Hicks	0	1	1	0	1
Ray Bowers	1	0	1	1	0
R. D. Hynson	1	1	1	0	1
C. Brice	1	1	0	1	1
James Mulford	1	1	0	1	0
Roby Toulson	1	1	1	1	1
A. Toulson	1	0	1	1	0
R. A. Shallcross	1	0	1	1	0

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Roby Toulson	1	0	1	1	0
James Mulford	1	1	1	0	1
C. Brice	1	1	1	1	1
A. N. Stavely	1	0	1	1	0

AT CROWS—MISS AND OUT.

R. D. Hynson	1	0		
Ray Bowers	1	0		
James Mulford	1	0		
William Ivens	1	0		
Wm. E. Moody	1	1	0	
Samuel Hicks	1	1	0	
R. A. Shallcross	1	1	0	
Roby Toulson	1	1	0	
A. N. Stavely	1	1	1	0
A. J. Toulson	1	1	1	1
John Brice	1	1	1	1

A. J. Toulson and John Brice winners, and divided the money.

KENNEDYVILLE NEWS.

In the presence of an exceedingly large company, a very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday evening at the M. P. Church. The contracting parties were Mr. Wattie McKnett, proprietor of Urieville Roller Mills, and Miss Lillie M.Redmile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Redmile. Mrs. Harry Redmile presided at the organ, and as the strains of Mendelssohns March were being sweetly rendered, the bridal party entered the church. First came the ushers, Mr.Wm. B. Cleaver and Mr. Geo. M. Glenn; next came the bridesmaid, Miss Clara Redmile, and best man, Mr. S. H. McKnett, followed by the bride and groom. At the chancel they were met by the pastor of the church, Rev. Louis Randall, who performed the impressive ceremony and pronounced them husband and wife. The church was prettily decorated with evergreens. Suspended from an arch beneath which the bride and groom stood, was a large and graceful horseshoe tied with white bows of ribbon. The bride wore Huzsia blue silk with overlace and ribbon trimmings, and carried bride roses and ferns. The bridesmaid, Miss Clara Redmile, wore brown broadcloth with silk gimp trimming, and carried white carnations and ferns.

After the ceremony a reception was given at the home of the bride's parents. Many valuable and useful presents were received by the bride. Those present from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bacon, Misses May and Rebecca Bacon, Edward, Clement and Vera Bacon, Mrs. James Melvin, Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. A. Stevenson and son, Philadelphia; Mrs. Samuel Buckworth and Miss Nellie Buckworth, Chesapeake City; Mr. and Mrs. Kline Gooden, Hazelville, Del.; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pippin, Marydel; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Herzog, Baltimore; Mrs. Maggie Melvin, Felton, Del. A large number were present from the community and towns near by; in all about one hundred and fifty persons were present. Congratulations extended by the writer.

Miss Emma Magruder, a trained nurse of Baltimore, spent part of the week with her friend, Mrs. Dr. G. I. Barwick.

Mr. Oscar Lane, of Wilmington, is visiting his uncle, Mr. W. T. Lane.

Mr. J. L.Turner spent part of the week with friends in Queen Anne.

Owing to the small attendance on Tuesday evening, the election of a delegate to the Maryland Annual Conference was again postponed until next Tuesday evening.

Mr. H. Rawley, in connection with his large business in poultry and eggs, is fitting up a neat grocery store, and expects to open up to the public on Monday.

The officers of Grace Presbyterian Sunday school held a meeting on Tuesday evening for the purpose of reorganizing and appointing teachers.

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MILLINGTON NEWS.

The stable and corn crib of Sallie Potts, colored, near town, were burned to the ground last Saturday afternoon, together with about 500 bundles of blade fodder and one ton of hay. The hay belonged to Mr. C. S. Hurlock, he having his teams there attended to by Samuel Potts, who was engaged in hauling for him. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The M. E. Sunday School will hold a Missionary Anniversary in the church next Sunday evening, March 4th. The school is preparing a very appropriate programme, and hopes to make it a very profitable and enjoyable entertainment.

Lenten services were observed Wednesday morning in the P. E. Chapel. The rector, Rev. A. Ware, of Massey, was present and preached a very interesting sermon.

A taffy-pulling party was given by Miss Addie Vansant last Wednesday night. Numerous games were played during the evening. A cake-walk was also given. The music was furnished by Miss Maggie Vansant, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Among those present were: Misses Addie, Ollie and Maggie Vansant, Annie Bailey; Messrs. Elmer Gordon, James Elliott, George Bailey, Price Vansant, Wm. Weist and H. Talbott.

Mrs. W. H. Willis, of Cambridge, Md., is visiting her mother, Mrs. George A. Hurlock.

Mrs. J.T.Power and daughter Blanche, spent Sunday with her father, Mr. John C. Hackett, Sudlersville.

Mrs. M. O. Cacy has returned home from visiting friends in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Margaret Jones attended the Spring millinery opening of Strouse & Co, milliners, Philadelphia, Pa., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Vansant spent Sunday with friends in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. M. E. Roser has returned from visiting relatives in Philadelphia, Pa.

Misses Victorine Power and May Green spent Sunday with friends in Sudlersville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bonsall, of Wilmington, Del., spent Monday with Mrs. B.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tolson, and were accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. Flora Tolson, who will spend a few weeks with them.

Mrs. Walter T. Tolson is visiting friends in Chesapeake City.

Miss Annie Gillespie spent Sunday with her aunt, Miss Helen Power.

Mrs. Wm. J. Hurlock has returned from a visit with friends in Delaware City and Smyrna.

Dr. Bushrod Schwatka, sheriff of Baltimore city, was in town Monday evening.

Mr. Geo. V. Peverly, of Middletown, Del., was in town on Thursday.

Mr. Irving Hurlock spent Sunday in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. M. E. Boyer is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. James Elliott spent Sunday in Wilmington, Del.

Miss Emma Vansant, of Galena, is visiting Mrs. Emma Cochran, on Cypress street. Y.

STILL POND NOTES.

The Sassafras lodge, Knights of Pythias, on Tuesday evening installed the following officers for the year 1900: C. C., Joseph W. Howard; V. C., Wm. H. Krusen; Prelate, Rhoton Crew; M. of Ex., Wm. Parr; M. of W., Howard C. Gray; M. of F., A. J. Hackett; K. of R. & S., Chas. W. Hague; M. A., Horace Brice; Trustees, Howard Turner, Wm. H. Krusen; Representative to Grand Lodge, Howard C. Gray. The installation exercises were conducted by District Deputy Grand Chancellor H. C. Gray.

We beg to take issue with the *News'* Chesterville correspondent with reference to the pensioning of school teachers after having taught forty-five years. No doubt the writer of that article is not now teaching, nor ever has taught, for if he had he would soon change his opinion. He claims that one having taught for forty-five years should have saved in that time money sufficient to live comfortably on the remainder of his earthly existence. On the present salary one cannot more than make a living, much less lay by a contingent fund. Teachers should be pensioned, and any person serving his county in the capacity of teaching the young for thirty or forty years, should by all means be thus remembered.

Among other names mentioned for school commissioner, that of Mr. Edward W. Hepburn is very favorably spoken of. Mr. Hepburn is a polished and cultured gentleman, and no better selection could possibly be made, and we trust that he may be one of the appointees.

General Cronje has at last surrendered, but what a gallant resistance he made with a mere handful of men as compared with the fifty thousand British under Lord Roberts. This is unparalleled in history.

La Grippe has made its appearance in our midst again, and several are now convalescing from attacks of same.

Miss Blanche Starkey left yesterday for Baltimore where she will accept a position with Armstrong, Cator & Co.

Mr. J. B. Krusen, Smyrna's leading undertaker, visited his parents here on Saturday and Sunday last. Ben is a member of the Famous Bachelor's Club, of Smyrna, in which the members have pledged not to marry—never—no, not for ten years.

Mr. Walter P. Rasin returned yesterday to Strayer's Business College after spending a week with his parents. Walter is one of our bright boys who graduated from the public school here in June last with honor, and is now pursuing a course in shorthand and typewriting. He expects to complete the course in April.

Miss Maude Davis, of Middletown, Del., has returned to her home after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Wm. H. Krusen.

Mr. Howard Brown, the genial representative of Stieff Piano Co., has been in town for nearly a week. OCCASIONAL.

From Massey.

The sportsmen of Massey's and vicinity have inaugurated a series of weekly shooting matches. Wednesday and Saturday are the days for the contests, and blue rocks are used. At Wednesday's match Messrs. H. B. Massey and James Dunn carried off all the honors. Mr. Dunn made a remarkable record, missing but one bird in two hotly contested matches.

A twelve hundred-acre tract of land near here has been surveyed by Dr. E. A. Scott. Much of the tract is in valuable timber, and it is stated that Mr. W. H. Cacy is negotiating for its purchase.

Miss Anna Cacy has returned from a protracted and pleasant visit to Washington, D. C., friends.

Mr. H. B. Massey has been peculiarly unfortunate with two fine yearling colts which he owns. One of the colts jumped a fence and broke its leg and the other fell and broke its shoulder. Mr. Massey supposes that had he possessed another yearling it would have managed to break its neck, to keep up the reputation of his young stock.

Messrs. H. B. Massey & Co., shipped about 30,000 bushels of corn during the winter.

Mr. P. V. Peverly, is running his saw mill full blast on ship timber and lumber.

The management of Dewey Park has purchased a handsome new Decker piano for their dancing pavilion. The illumination of the pavilion will be greatly improved over past seasons.

Mr. A. F. Huey has had the greatest clover seed season within the history of his business operations at Massey.

Mr. C. S. Hurlock has entered his pacer, Free Silver, on the grand circuit for the coming season.

Mr. C. H. B. Massey has sold his two-year-old stallion, Coatesville, by Edward Wilkes, dam by Numa, the sire of Free Silver, to Mr. E. Thomas Massey.

DIED.

HARVEY.—On February 20, 1900, at 11.20 P. M., Lillian Elizabeth Lavinia Harvey, aged 4 years 10 months and four days, beloved daughter of J. Edward and Elizabeth A. Harvey. Funeral from residence, No 1009 North Fulton avenue, on Friday, February 23, at 10 A. M.

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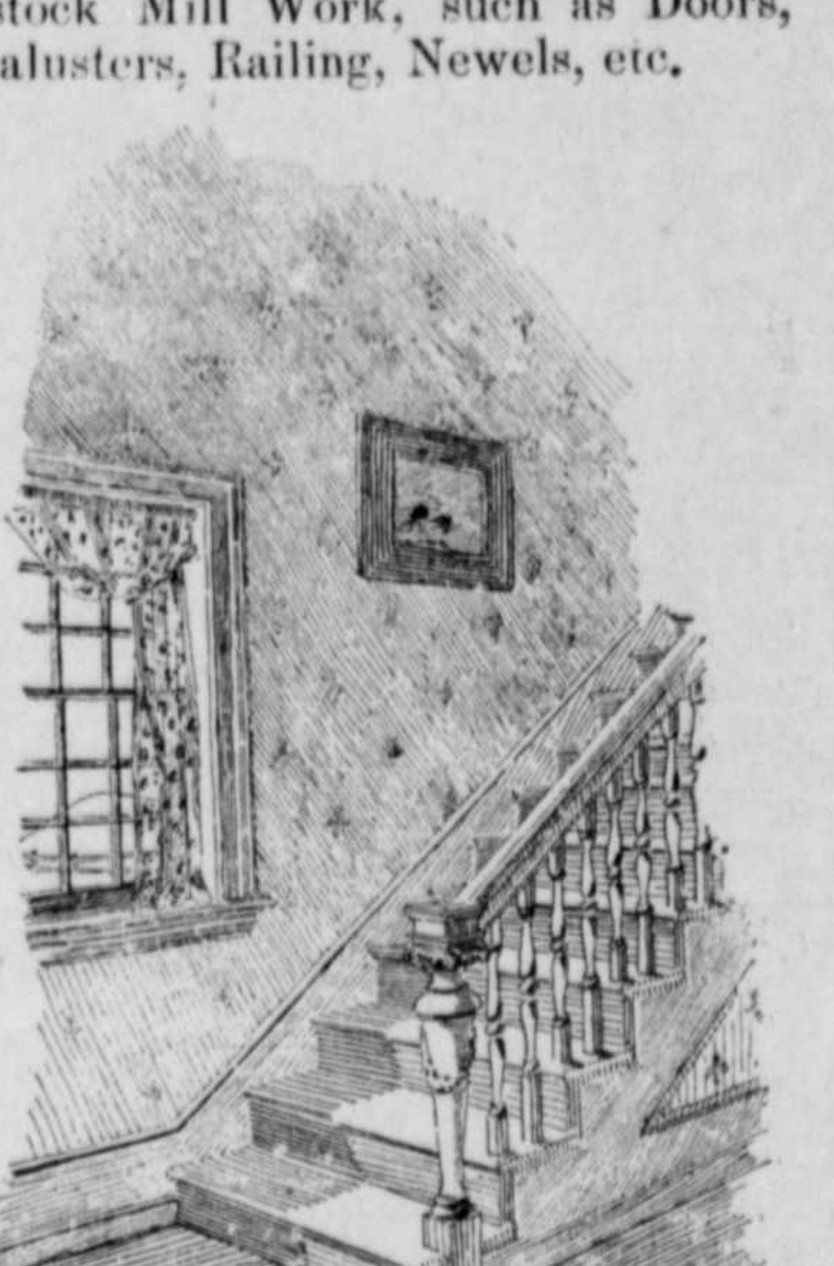
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