

Mrs. James A. Pearl, of Annapolis, to their Chestertown Tuesday.

A. Shaw has returned from his visit to Western Shore.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. of Baltimore, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. W.

Esq., was the guest of Esq., on Saturday and Mr. Porter came to Kent on

Esq., has been confined the past week.

T. J. Shallcross, Miss Ross, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. H. Kelley attended the

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central district, Baltimore, suddenly on Tuesday morning, at his home, 2404 Hudson alley, of paralysis. As Letter-carrier Daniel J. McGonigle passed the small store kept by Mr. Gale, about nine o'clock on Tuesday morning, he noticed that it was closed. He thought something was wrong, and notified Officer Harry G. Darlin. The policeman, with Round Sergeant Worden, secured a ladder and entered the house by the front second-story window. They found Mr. Gale lying unconscious on the bed, and sent for the central district ambulance to take him to the hospital, but he died before being placed in the wagon. Coroner Frank Germon was notified and gave a certificate of death from paralysis. Mr. Gale was from Kent county and was appointed to the police force April 28, 1875, and remained in the department until August 1887. He was never married and lived alone. His body was taken in charge by relatives, and were brought to Kent for interment. The bearers were: Samuel Vannort, J. Walter Skirven, Thomas Gale, John Gale, Thos. W. Skirven, J. Wash. Skirven. Mr. Gale was a member of the old Reed Rifles, and had many friends in this county.

This made seven funerals which Mr. Dodd had in seven days, or thirty-five since Christmas.

MRS. EMILY M. D'CORSE.

Mrs. Emily M. DeCorse, widow of the late James P. DeCorse, died on Saturday, March 24th, at 12.30 A. M., after a protracted illness. She was born on August 16th, 1832, and was in her sixty-eight year. She was a daughter of the late Thomas Baker, and sister of Elizabeth Lamb, Charles H. Baker, Louisa Gardener, Sorin S. Baker, and though one of the oldest, was the last of her family, a fact which was keenly felt by her. She had for some years made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas D. France, where the closing hours of life were made pleasant by the beautiful devotion of her daughter and family.

She attached herself with Bond M. E. Church in young womanhood and her whole life was one of consistent devotion and was a living example of Christian service. Funeral services were held at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Thomas D. France, on Tuesday evening, by the Rev. Joseph C. Rissum, of Schenectady, N. Y., who came so far to offer his tribute of love to one who had always been a devoted friend. The deceased leaves two children, Mrs. Thomas D. France, and James T. DeCorse, of Pomona. The bearers were: Robert E. France, Dr. C. P. Gilpin, Dr. C. W. Whaland, John K. Aldridge, W. H. Ayres and M. A. Toulson. Interment was made in Bond Chapel cemetery; J. N. Dodd, undertaker.

MRS. REBECCA TURNER WEBB.

Mrs. Rebecca Turner Webb died at her home in Philadelphia, Monday. The deceased was a sister of the late Richard T. Turner, of Betterton.

A PEARL CAUSED SUICIDE.

Because He Lost a Pearl the Young Man Hung Himself.

The Philadelphia Record of recent date, gave the following story of a suicide near Tolchester Beach. It has been impossible to verify the Record's story, and the probabilities are that it is a fake, or what the average newspaper man knows as a "ghost story." The article says:

It is related that a young man over on the Western Shore of Maryland, some years ago was driven to suicide over the unfortunate loss of his precious "find." He was a common "shucker," frugal and industrious, his sole ambition being to own a boat of his own. He closely husbanded his earnings, even unto parsimony. He had acquired the sobriquet of "stingy," but he gave no heed to the jeers and sarcasm of his fellow-workmen. During his spare time he would search for hours among the oysters in the bins; he would delve and toil amid the disagreeable odors of the lime kilns. Indeed, his desire to possess a pearl grew to be a sort of mania. Every shell was minutely and critically examined, oyster after oyster was dissected, yet his task seemed hopeless. For seven years he persisted in his search until one day, while in a puny bound for Baltimore, his patience and persistence were rewarded. He found the prize! His face was radiant with unalloyed happiness. He raved in a wild, weird delirium of delight—danced, sang, prayed and cried aloud: "Now I'll own a boat and a bed. See!" and he stretched forth his hand to show the treasure to his crew and what

But he gave a lurid look to his hand and in a moment he was in the water. He was never seen again.

EVERY SECTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN.

The first introduction of the Rural Free Delivery postal system on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, will take place on or about April the fifteenth. After months spent in an active campaign to enlist public sentiment in favor of Rural Free Delivery, Mr. W. Irving Walker, living in Queen Anne, about two miles from Chester Bridge, on Tuesday evening invited a number of person interested in this progressive movement to meet Mr. M. S. Plummer, special agent Rural Free Delivery from the Department at Washington, D. C. A number of the most representative citizens of the section to be benefitted were present, and among them were several who had opposed the petition sent on to Washington.

In Mr. Plummer the Department has an ideal man for the important work intrusted to him. Every point was explained, and the great advantages of the new system were pointed out with such emphatic clearness that every gentleman present became an enthusiastic advocate of an immediate establishment of the proposed routes. Among those present were: Sanford Spry, Robert Orem, Norman Wallen, Dan'l Potts, Albert Story, Chas. Collins, Sam'l Wright, H. H. Klinefelter, B. S. Potts, Clarence Bradley, A. A. Harris, Richard Leager, Lemuel McGinnis, Sam'l Wallen, Henry Anderson, Henry Smith, Harry McEwell, Wm. Fields, E. D. Leiby, W. Irving Walker.

Mr. Plummer's account of the splendid success of the system in Carroll county and other sections was so highly interesting that not until after 11 o'clock did the meeting adjourn.

On Wednesday the following routes were laid out:

ROUTE No. 1.—Chestertown, Kent county, Md. Leave Chestertown postoffice at 10.30 o'clock A. M., via Church Hill road to Millington road, thence on Millington road to Saw Mill Corner, where Chestertown rural carrier will meet rural carrier number two from Millington and exchange mail. This secures for most of the farmers living on these two routes a local delivery. Carrier number one goes thence on the Millington and Chestertown road to Catlin postoffice, thence on Round Top road to pass the pine tree to the new road; thence on new road to Church Hill road; thence on Church Hill road to Weller's gate; thence back to the Rolph's wharf road; thence on the Rolph's wharf road via Union public school to Barton's Corner; thence on Church Hill road to Stewart's gate; thence on I. B. road to Spry's gate; thence by Brown's gate to the new road; thence on new road to Ewing Town; thence through Ewing Town to Brown's Corner; thence on Rolph's wharf road to Catlin postoffice; thence on Millington and Chestertown road to Church Hill road; thence to chestertown postoffice. Distance of this route is twenty-six miles. Number of persons served, about 500.

Rural Postal Route No. 2—Millington, Kent county, Md.—Leave Millington postoffice at 10.30 o'clock A. M., via Millington and Chestertown road, through McGinnis to Saw Mill Corner; thence on Double Creek road around to Deep Landing road to McGinnis postoffice; thence on to Murdock's Corner; thence on Church Hill road through Pond Town to Mallalieu's Mills; thence on Millington road to Millington postoffice. At Saw Mill Corner carrier No. 2 meets carrier No. 1, from Chestertown; they here exchange mail for the purpose of giving most of the farmers on the respective routes a local delivery. Distance covered by this route is twenty-two miles. Number of persons served, about 500.

Some opposition was at first raised to the rural delivery system under a misapprehension—First, that the postoffices and star routes of the section to be served would be discontinued; and second, because of a fear that in some way taxes would be raised. These points were fully met by Mr. Plummer, who stated that the present mail arrangements will not be changed, but that the new system of leaving mail at the farmers' doors would be in addition to the mail facilities already enjoyed. Then, too, the expense will be met entirely by the funds appropriated by the national government for Rural Free Delivery, and will in no way affect the farmers' expenses except to lower them by saving time and the wear and tear of teams in sending to distant postoffices for mail.

Each farmer is expected to place at his gate a box, and in this mail box all letters and packages will be put. The same law which protects a United States postoffice covers these boxes, and any violation of this law will call a United States detective to search out the guilty party. Over a considerable portion of the routes laid down by Mr. Plummer in Queen Anne county, the farmers will not only have their mail placed at their very doors, as it were, but will be given an opportunity to receive matter at their homes and have an answer to important letters on its way within three hours after the receipt of the letter answered. McGinnis will have far better mail facilities than even Chestertown. Two carriers at a salary of \$500 each will

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APPOINTMENTS RE

The annual session of the Wilming Conference of the M. E. Church, closed on Tuesday to meet next year at Seaford, Delaware.

The closing of the conference was marked by a good deal of excitement.

A vigorous attempt was made to condemn President William McKinley for "tippling," and there was an unsuccessful effort to depose Presiding Elder E. C. S. Baker, of the Dover district, from his position. During the debate on the McKinley resolution the conference at times was in an uproar. The resolution referring to the President was presented by the Rev. W. P. Compton, of the committee on temperance, and read as follows:

We have learned, with humiliation and shame, that our Methodist Episcopal President has seen fit, in the exercise of his personal liberty, to so far ignore the public good and his obligation to his church as to indulge in the use of intoxicating beverages on several public occasions, thereby setting a pernicious example to men in high places in our land, who were waiting to see him exemplify the teachings of his church.

Such action by a Methodist in such high position will naturally be quoted as the attitude of our church and will influence the men and boys of our land accordingly; for if the light which has been in us on this question becomes darkness how great will be that darkness!

We therefore condemn the breach of our discipline and Methodist propriety upon the part of our Methodist brother, President McKinley, in publicly setting the example of tippling before the young and old of the nation.

As soon as the resolution was read a number of the preachers were on their feet clamoring for recognition. Several declared that the framers of the resolution had no moral right and questioned whether they had a civil right to mention the name of the President in the resolution. Rev. R. H. Adams declared that Mr. Compton had told his object in presenting the resolution was to help defeat the re-election of President McKinley.

Mr. Compton replied warmly, intimating that Dr. Adams had broken confidence with him. Rev. R. I. Watkins said the resolution and the discussion were unfair. He declared that if there were any charges to be made against the President they should be preferred before his pastor.

Dr. Compton said he tried to defeat McKinley for President four years ago and he will try to assist in his defeat this year, as the President has openly violated one of the most stringent laws of the church. "If we do not watch out this skillful politician will drive into the presidential chair again holding the reins high and with one foot on the Methodist doctrine and the other on the Brewers' Association. We want no such man."

Rev. Alfred Smith declared that Prof. Samuel Dickie informed him that he had seen the President drink no less than four different wines at a banquet given him at Milwaukee, and he considered Prof. Dickie a truthful man.

"Is this a political conference?" asked Rev. Vaughn S. Collins with some warmth. "I do not believe this conference has a right to discuss a man's private character."

Rev. C. F. Swayne said the President's actions were not private, inasmuch as he drank in public.

"The President drank champagne in public and should be condemned for it," said Rev. R. P. Coursey.

"No man riding into office in a chariot of King Alcohol will be met by cries of Hosanna! Hail to him who comes in the name of the Lord!" shouted Rev. W. L. White. The speaker called forth deafening applause.

The resolution was defeated by a vote of 69 to 47.

The temperance people succeeded in passing several resolutions condemning the President for the Griggs favoring the army canteen.

Rev. Wilbur F. Corkran, elder of the Easton district, said his district had made a \$2060 in pastoral support in the Epworth League on district comprises 44 societies with 2500 members, and chapters, with 900 members, and day schools are doing good.

Previous to reading the report for the Dover district, Baker announced that he had in a change in the appointment of elder for the district, but had assured him that a change would not be made, and he would not make the announcement of the appointment of Presiding Elder Vaughn S. Collins, of the Academy at Dover, to Baker said:

"I do not think it wise one, but I do not want to go against the judgment of the conference for the sake of Methodist support. I am willing to sink my own matter. Let it be taken out of our hands and a misunderstanding and myself, but I support." Mr. Baker then turned over to Dr. Baker.

In reply Presiding Elder S. Collins said: "Probably I was not of their own heart. I did not think that the misapprehension as Mr. Collins and I were members of the Academy and loyal to the constitution of the church."

Rev. J. L. of the Twining, read a paper on "The Church is a"

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