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A CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to thank the general public for their untiring services rendered me at the fire at Radcliffe Hall on Monday night. But for their help my loss would have been much greater than it was. I assure each and every one that their kindness is most gratefully appreciated.

Yours Very Truly,
JAMES B. NEWNAM.

DR. HOWARD F. PYFER,
LOCUST GROVE

DISEASES—EYE, EAR, NOSE and THROAT.

Office Hours until 11 A. M., after 7 P. M.
d15-4m.

HAY FOR SALE.

I have just received one Carload of Pure, Bright and Sweet
ALL CLOVER HAY.
Also one Carload of No. 1
CLOVER and TIMOTHY MIXED HAY, which I offer for sale.
JOSEPH GUEST,
d15-tf. Chestertown, Md.

PUBLIC SALE OF
Second-Hand Sewing Machines

There will be sold in the Voshell House Yard on
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1900,
at 1.30 o'clock,
30 Second-Hand Sewing Machines,
of standard make, and all in good order.
Sale positive and Terms Cash.
A rare chance to secure a fine Machine at low price.
J. H. Greenwood, Auct.

BUSINESS REMOVAL.

I wish to announce to the public that after January 1, 1901, my place of business will be at 125 High street, near Queen street. When not away on professional business I will always be found at my office or undertaking parlors, in rear of my home.
J. E. FERGUSON.
d8-3t. Chestertown, Md.

BANK NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF CHESTERTOWN, Maryland, that their regular ANNUAL MEETING for the election of Nine Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at their banking house, in Chestertown, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1901, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
d8-5t. W. B. COPPER, Cashier.

FOR RENT FOR 1901.

THE UNDERTAKING ROOMS under the Voshell House now occupied by Undertaker J. E. Ferguson, and formerly used by Undertaker E. C. Reiche. The rooms have been used for undertaking purposes for a number of years, but are suitable for office or general purposes.
apply to or address.
JAMES S. BRADLEY,
*d8-3t. Chestertown, Md.

CHRISTMAS CAKE MAKING.

I wish to inform my friends and the public generally, that I have arranged to take orders to make, bake and deliver fruit cake, and loaf cake of all kinds, jumbles and small cakes.
Apply to or address,
MARGARET BELL,
*d8-3t. Chestertown, Md.

WANTED.
Eggs, Eggs.

We are paying 28 cents per dozen for Eggs.
TURNER & BOYLES,
d8 3t. Worton, Md.

ESTRAY CALF.

A Red Heiffer Calf, strayed from my place on or about October the first. Any information leading to its recovery, will be most gratefully received by the undersigned.
PHILIP MYERS,
d8-3t. Kennedyville, Md.

EGGS! EGGS!

WE ARE PAYING
26 CENTS
PER DOZEN FOR EGGS.
d8. WESTCOTT & DODD.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Estrayed from my premises on "Cherry Lane," near Chesterville, Md., on or about Oct. 15th, 1900, 1 Black and White BULL, with points of horns sawed off. Any information will be thankfully received.
BENJAMIN ROBINSON,
n24-4t. Chesterville, Md., P.O. Address.

THE ERICSSON HOTEL
AT BETTERTON
FOR SALE,
SCOTT CROWNHART,
u25-tf. Betterton, Md.

OFFICE OR BEDROOM FOR RENT.

An Airy, Light Room, on second floor of Stam's Hall Building, directly over store. This room is admirably adapted for Bed-room or Office purposes. Apply to
THOMAS G. WROTH,
n10-tf, Sec'y Stam Hall Company.

NOTICE TO FRUIT GROWERS.

Mr. H. L. Boyd is collecting samples of Kent county fruit to be exhibited at the meeting of the State Horticultural Society, on December 20 and 21. Fruit growers are requested to send six specimens of their different varieties of fruit to Mr. Boyd and they will be plainly labeled and forwarded. n3.

THE HUNTSMEN

Enjoyed a Splendid Hospitality And Returned Home Delighted With Kent.

A half century or more ago, gentlemen from this and other sections of Maryland, booted and spurred, were wont to follow the hounds over the rolling uplands and meadows of Kent. Music, Lightfoot, Thunder, Boxer, Dixie and other finely-bred dogs made music from early morn until the huntsmen left the chase to partake of a turkey dinner with appetites whetted by a glass or glasses of the finest brandy to be found in the cellar or garrett of the Kent county gentleman.

The visit of the Green Spring Valley Hunting Club last week recalled those old scenes of a half or three-quarters of a century ago. The visitors were more than delighted with Friday's hunt in Broad Neck, an account of which was given in last week's TRANSCRIPT. The strangers who participated in the chase were: Dr. S. T. Earle, Jr., Messrs. Geo. W. Ewing, Irvine Keyser, Charles M. Stewart, A. T. Myer, Thomas E. Cottman, E. C. Stewart, Frank A. Bousall, D. H. Murdock, W. P. Stewart, Carey McHenry, Jervis Spencer, Jr., H. Stewart Diffenderffer, George Ward, Randolph Barton, Jr., J. W. Morris, John Rush Street, of Baltimore, and Summerfield Tilghman and Thomas J. Keating, of Centreville.

On Friday evening Hope H. Barroll, Esq., entertained the hunts pleasantly at his home on the banks of the Chester.

Bright and early on Saturday morning the huntsmen's horns gave notice that the chase was to be resumed, and at 6.30 o'clock the start was made for Quaker Neck. Scarcely had the dogs been sent out than two fine foxes were started. The pack was confined to one fox whose earths were known and had been closed. This fellow gave splendid sport. As though on parade he ran in a circle over the lands of Messrs. Watts, Maslin, Loud, Joiner, Mrs. M. A. Wilkins and Capt. R S. Emory. The number of huntsmen had been increased to fully fifty, and some of the finest of Kent county's dogs had hearkened to the chase. It was truly gloricus sport—it was an old-time run under most up-to-date conditions.

A number of ladies on horseback and in teams gave beauty and picturesqueness to the occasion.

After a run of about four hours and a half, the fox was caught. Mr. David B. Kendall's fine dog Douglass lead the pack, by a short distance, Mr. Kendall and Mr. John Gale Usilton, were in at the death and took the fox from the dogs before he was badly torn.

MR. BRICE AS HOST.

Mr. George Brice, one of the most enthusiastic of the younger hunters of Kent, was the only one who knew of the anticipated visit of the Green Spring Valley Club, and made all of the detailed arrangements for their splendid entertainment and hunt.

The crowning feature of the two days outing was an oyster roast and scald extended by Mr. Brice to the visitors, on Saturday afternoon. A great fire of logs was built on the Shore at Quaker Neck, with John Bradshaw and his wife, two expert Eastern Shore oyster scalders in charge. Steaming coffee, crackers, pickles, Maryland biscuit and every conceivable accessory to an old-time Eastern Shore scald, were in abundance, provided and served by Mrs. Brice and Mrs. R. D. Hynson. Every detail was perfect and Mr. Brice's entertainment was voted by the Green Spring Valley huntsmen, one of the most delightful affairs which they had ever attended. Especial care was used in securing the very finest oysters obtainable from the Chester river bars.

The visitors took the steamer Corsica at Chestertown, at 5 o'clock and left for Baltimore, declaring Kent county to be one of the most glorious places for royal sport after the hounds which they had ever visited.

Maryland Fine Stands.—The Kent and Queen Anne's County Fair Association, of Tolchester Beach, Md., made application for release from fine imposed by the board of review December 17, 1890. They were fined for allowing suspended horses to start. The fine stands. On August 1, 1896, Theodore T. Maxfield, of Bloomfield, N. J., entered a horse named Monopole at Westfield, Mass. Monopole had a record as a pacer and this was the first race in which the horse had ever been entered as a trotter, and he was fined by the judges because they thought he was holding the horse back. In his defense he stated that he was compelled to hold the horse down to keep him from breaking into a pace, which would have resulted in his being shut out. He made application for release from the fine imposed at that time, and as the judges stated that from the subsequent actions of the horse they were convinced that the facts were as Mr. Maxfield represented, his application was granted.

ISAAC ROBINSON'S FAILURE.

Came as a Thunder Crash to the Business Community of Kent.

The announcement in Saturday's Baltimore *Sun* that Isaac Robinson had failed, came as a thunder crash from a clear sky to the vast number of Mr. Robinson's friends in Kent county.

The announcement said:

"Roger T. Gill and Frank M. Cline were appointed by Judge Wickes yesterday receivers for the business of Isaac Robinson, fruit and vegetable packer and manufacturer of fertilizer, with offices at the corner of Gay and Lombard streets, and a packing house on Philpot street. The receivers, who were appointed with Mr. Robinson's consent, bonded for $250,000.

"Dougherty & Mann, can manufacturers, applied in the Circuit Court for the appointment of receivers. The bill of complaint stated that Mr. Robinson owes the complainants $439.80 on open account and $1,121.79 on promissory notes maturing December 21. It also states that Mr. Robinson owes large sums to other creditors. Mr. Robinson, it further states, has extended his business far beyond the power of his capital to maintain and cannot meet his liabilities.

"In his answer to the bill of complaint Mr. Robinson admitted all the statements in it and consented to the appointment of receivers.

"Besides his packing house in this city, Mr. Robinson has a number of branches at other places. It is said that the amount of his assets and liabilities is not known."

The receivers have been appointed for sixty days and it is hoped and expected that Mr. Robinson's financial embarrassments will be only temporary.

A STATEMENT FROM MR. ROBINSON.

Baltimore, December 8, 1900.

TO MY CREDITORS:—I regret to say that I submitted yesterday to the appointment of receivers of my business and property by the Circuit Court of this city, because in doing so I could best protect the interest of all my creditors. This state of affairs and conditions resulted simply from the lack of sufficient capital to continue the heavy business which has come to me. There has been no mismanagement, but my business having grown in volume to $2,000,000 sales per year you will not be surprised at my statement that my lack of capital caused the present state of affairs when I tell you that my capital at no one time exceeded $150,000. But I am sure the business today is solvent beyond all question. I have built up a large and profitable business which, with sufficient capital, can be continued successfully, beyond all doubt. It is my purpose to reorganize promptly upon a sound basis, with the help of my friends, and as soon as a statement of my affairs can be prepared, which will probably take about thirty days, I shall call a meeting of creditors for consultation and action, looking to the interest of all; until which meeting I ask you to defer filing claims or taking any action, assuring you that I am prepared to devote my life to the accomplishment of the purpose aimed at. Yours truly,

ISAAC ROBINSON.

A telegram from Dover, Del., on Wednesday said:

"The machinery and a large quantity of canned goods in the factory of Isaac Robinson, at Marydel, were today attached by Constable Killen, of Dover, who held claims from Magistrate Hutton's court, aggregating $700, and by Henry Moore, of Willow Grove, on claims reaching $600.

"They found over $3,000 worth of valuable goods at the Marydel factory which had not been taken charge of by the Maryland receivers, for the reason that the factory was supposed by some to be in Maryland, but it is known to be on the Delaware side with 20 feet of space between its western extremity to the Maryland line.

"While claims continue to come in from the farmers and fruit growers who hold open accounts with Mr. Robinson, there is an undercurrent of sympathy prevailing which may have the effect of setting up the Baltimore manufacturer, with his 27 factories in this State operating in full blast, until he is firmly on his feet again.

New Advertisements.

Mr. R. F. Parks has a large assortment of Christmas articles for useful and ornamental gifts such as lamps, vases, jardinieres, bric-abrac, glassware, etc., Look for his advertisement in our next issue.

Westcott & Dodd has a special double column advertisement on the eighth page of this issue calling attention to their immense stock of Christmas and general merchandise.

Moody & Lusby's Christmas advertisement will be found on the 2nd page of this issue. They make suggestions to the readers of this paper how to make a useful present to a friend. Consult their advertisement and see what they say.

J. K. Aldridge & Co., are offering inducements in their line to the Christmas shopper. Their advertisement should not be overlooked by the readers of this paper.

Mr. Joseph Guest, of this town, offers for sale in this week's paper pure, bright and sweet all-clover hay, as also No. 1 clover and timothy mixed hay for sale. See his advertisement, and remember good clover and mixed hay is a very scarce article.

TWO BIG FIRES.

Hotel Wilmer and Old Radcliffe Hall Totally Destroyed on Monday.

Hotel Wilmer, at Betterton, the property of Mrs. Sarah W. Wilmer Morse, was totally destroyed by fire, together with the greater portion of its contents, on Monday morning.

The house was closed in November and the furniture safely stored away until next season. Mr. and Mrs. Morse removed funiture valued at about one hundred dollars, to Baltimore, to furnish their rooms in that city, where they will stay until next summer. On Thursday they came to Betterton to complete some arrangements at the hotel, expecting to return on Saturday. They did not make the steamer in time however, and were forced to remain over until Monday. It was while preparing breakfast on Monday morning at about 6.30 o'clock, intending to take the early boat, that Mr. and Mrs. Morse were notified by Mrs. James Brice, a neighbor, that the back building was on fire. The roof around the chimney was in flames. In packing up for the winter the fire buckets and all vessels in which water could be passed were stowed away so that it was impossible to get at them, and willing hands, who had rushed to the scene of the fire to render assistance were to a great extent forced to stand helplessly by and see the building and a greater portion of its contents go up in smoke. A piano and some other furniture were gotten out. The value of the furniture saved is placed at between $150 and $200.

Mrs. Morse carried $1,350 insurance on the building and $650 on the furniture, all of it placed in the Continental Insurance Company, represented by Mr. James G. Beck, of Chestertown.

Hotel Wilmer was build in 1893, was 20x30 feet, with an L 16x20, three stories high.

Mrs. Morse conducted the Chesapeake House, Betterton with signal success for several years, and had been equally successful with her new house, Hotel Wilmer. Having determined to give up active hotel business, she advertised her valuable Betterton property for sale in the TRANSCRIPT, and several weeks ago refused an offer of $3,600. Upon her return to Betterton last week she concluded to retain her property and continue to run the hotel for at least another season and removed the notices—"For sale."

Mrs. Morse, better known to the public as Mrs. Wilmer, was very popular with the traveling community and hosts of summer guests who each season returned to the hospitable board of Hotel Wilmer.

William and John Owens, and Baynard Crew, had a thrilling experience during the fire. They were in the third story throwing out articles when some one cried out that all means of escape were shut off by the flames below. The imperiled men jumped from the third story window to the roof of the porch below. Mr. William Owens struck the hotel sign placed over the porch, which served to ward off the blow from the ground below. Had it not been for this he would in all probability have either lost his life or been badly crippled. After all efforts were found to be futile in saving the burning building and the contents, attention was turned to the saving of Mr. George W. Owens' building and stable, and by the greatest energy they were saved. The stable several times caught fire from sparks, but each time it was extinguished. Fortunately but a very light wind was blowing, for had the fire broken out the evening previous, at least six dwellings would have been reduced to ashes.

It is said that Mrs. Morse (nee Mrs. Wilmer) will immediately rebuild.

RADCLIFFE HALL BURNED.

Old Radcliffe Hall, the home of the Hanson's and for years the centre of a splendid hospitality, was destroyed by fire at about ten o'clock on Monday night.

Mr. J. B. Newnam, the tenant, and his family, had retired for the night, leaving no fire in the kitchen, and the fire in the sitting room was left supposedly safe. The family were asleep when Mr. Newnam was awakened by sounds in the direction of the kitchen. Thinking that some thief was possibly after his poultry, he secured his pistol and went down stairs. Upon opening the door leading from the main residence to the breakfast room, he was confronted by a volume of flame and smoke which forced him back. The kitchen and dining room were in flames and all buckets which might have been used in carrying water to combat the fire were destroyed. Under these conditions it was at once apparent that the building was doomed. The fire had made such headway that when Mr. Newnam was first aroused from his sleep the floor of his room was warm. Mrs. Newnam and her four children were forced to leave the building in their night dresses and without saving any wearing apparel whatever. At 10.45 an alarm of fire was sounded by the town o'clock and many persons hurried to the scene. Willing hands had already assembled and were making an heroic effort to save goods from the doomed house. About enough furniture to furnish one room, and a large quantity of canned goods, and groceries were saved but most of them were afterward stolen.

The building was insured for $1,800 in the Equitable, Governor J. Walter Smith, president, through the agency of Joseph N. Wheatly & Co. Mr. Newnam carried $400 on his furniture in the Continental, through the agency of James G. Beck.

Mr. William S. Collins, of near Centreville, bought this fine property in October of 1899. He was telegraphed to early on Tuesday morning, but knew nothing of his loss until within a mile of Chestertown on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Collins were on the road on Monday night and saw the blaze. Mr. Collins located the fire at or near Chestertown and remarked that he hoped it was not his house.

With the burning of Radcliffe Hall passes one of the most interesting old landmarks of early Kent. It was here that Col. George A. Hanson, at one time editor of the TRANSCRIPT. It was at Radcliffe that Col. Hanson pursued his elaborate researches into local history which resulted in Old Kent, a book full of interesting and valuable information concerning the old families of the county.

Capt. William D. Burchinal owned the property for some years, and it was from his executors that Mr. Collins bought the property last year. The house was beautifully finished in the old colonial style, with pannel work, carving and great cupboards and closets.

Mr. Collins was in Chestertown on Wednesday and stated that he would certainly do nothing in the way of rebuilding before the spring. Mr. Newnam and his family will occupy in the meantime a comfortable house already on the farm.

FRUIT MEN SHOULD GO.

Reduced Rates of Transportation to the Meeting to be Held in Baltimore Next Week.

The board of county commissioners on Tuesday unhesitatingly granted permission to Prof. W. L. Amoss to hold the sessions of the Farmer's Institute in the court room, on January the 28th and 29th. Prof. Amoss is now going ahead with the arrangements for one of the most pleasant and profitable institutes ever held in Maryland.

The Maryland State Horticultural Society's meeting will be held in Baltimore on Thursday and Friday, December, 20 and 21. Prof. W. G. Johnson has made arrangements with the Chester River Steamboat Company to furnish reduced rate tickets to all persons attending the sessions. A number of the half rate orders have been placed at the TRANSCRIPT office and with Mr. H. L. Boyd, where they can be gotten by any one desiring to attend the sessions.

In a personal letter Prof. Johnson says:

"The forthcoming meeting of the Maryland State Horticultural Society in Baltimore, Dec. 20 and 21, 1900, in Dushane Post Hall, corner Baltimore street and Postoffice avenue, will be one of the greatest gatherings of horticulturists ever held in the State. The speakers are: Prof. L. H. Bailey, of Cornell University, the great expert and writer; J. H. Hale, of Connecticutt, known the world over as the Peach King of America; Roland Morrill, the most successful fruit grower of the northwest; Prof. William Taylor, Assistant Chief of the Division of Pomology, U. S. Department of Agriculture, who had charge of the fruit exhibit at Paris; Prof. F. A. Waugh, an expert on plums, from Vermont; Dr. M. B. Waite, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the well-known fruit expert; S. D. Williard, of Geneva, N. Y., one of the best posted fruit men in this country; Prof. H. E. VanDeman, of Virginia, who has charge of the general fruit exhibit of the Pan--American Buffalo Exposition. Besides these guests, many papers will be presented by local talent. The address of welcome at the evening session, Dec. 20th, will be deliver by Hon. J. W. Herring, of Carroll county.

"All railroads have granted special rates of one and a third fare for round trip, good going from December 19 to 21, and returning December 24. The Chester-River and Weems Line Steamboat Companies have granted one fare for round trip. All other lines will make a special rate to persons attending this meeting. Card orders for railroad or boat tickets can be gotten by addressing your county vice-president, J. H. Baker, of Pomona, or the secretary. Get your orders at once.

"The Carrollton Hotel on Light and Baltimore streets, will be the official headquarters. Other hotels will make special rates to members. Do not forget the date of the meeting, Thursday and Friday, December 20 and 21. Come early so you can look over the fruit exhibit, nursery stock display, fruit packages and spray pumps. The programme will be of special interest to the women and they should not be left behind.

"Be sure and get an order for your tickets by writing to your county vice-president or the secretary, W. G. Johnson, College Park, Md."

OBITUARY.

Miss Sarah Jane Houston Found Dead in Her Room.

Miss Sarah Jane Houston, a maiden lady well known in Chestertown, was found dead in her room on Saturday evening. She lived alone in rooms in the large building corner Queen and Cannon streets.

Not having been seen for several days about her home, her friends and neighbors became apprehensive that all was not right, and at 9 o'clock on Saturday night the door to her room was forced and Miss Houston was found lying across her bed dead. Her position would indicate that she had attempted to leave her bed and when partially out, or just as she was about to step to the floor, the fatal stroke seized her, she fell back, and evidently died in a few minutes and without suffering. Dr. Joseph A. Catlin decided that death was the result of apoplexy.

Miss Houston was about seventy years old and came to Kent about thirty years ago. Her sister, Mrs. Worrell, wife of Dr. Warrell, of Philadelphia, came to Chestertown on Monday. She also had one other sister and a brother.

Dr. H. B. Martin conducted funeral services in Emmanuel P. E. Church on Tuesday morning, after which interment was made in Chester cemetery. The bearers were: Eben F. Perkins, George W. Hatcherson, Charles Estes, William Robertson, John Gale Usilton and R. H. Collins.

MRS. SOLOMON WRIGHT.

Mrs. Mary Wright, wife of Solomon Wright, died at her home in Baltimore, on Saturday. The deceased had been in poor health for some time and her death was not unlooked for by a wide circle of friends. She was before marriage Miss Mary Robinson, of Cambridge. The remains were brought to Kent by Tolchester steamer on Monday and interred in St. Paul's cemetery. The bearers were: George Beck, R. S. Jones, Harry Nicols, Morgan Brown, Walter Francis and Howard Rees.

ARTHUR JAMES ANDERSON.

Arthur James, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Anderson, who reside on Mr. James T. Dixon's farm, died Monday afternoon. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning; interment at Church Hill.

HUNTER GRAVES.

Mr. Hunter Graves, the grandson of Mrs. Avis E. Vannort, died at the home of his father, in Washington, D. C., last Sunday, aged about 17 years. Funeral was held on Tuesday.

MRS. DUER.

Mrs. Duer, mother of Mr. Jas. T. Crew, of Betterton, and Mrs. Wm. P. Howard, of Pocomoke City, died at her home in Pocomoke City on Thursday.

CHURCH NOTES.

During the Northern Convocation, held in Cecil county last week, Dr. H. B. Martin, of Emmanuel P. E. Church, Chestertown, was entertained by Miss Alice Boulden: Rev. C. T. Denroche, of St. Pauls and I. U. by Mr. and Mrs. William Harriott, and Rev. Samuel Edson, of Shrewsbury, by Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Knorr.

The scene at Emmanual Protestant Episcopal church, on Sunday evening was truly inspiring and one not soon to be forgotten by the large congregation present. After an eloquent sermon from the text,—"Except the Lord build the house, their labour is vain that build it." 1 verse 127 Psalm, Bishop William Forbes Adams confirmed a class of sixteen. The bishop's exhortation to the members of the confirmation class was one of the most impressive and beautiful addresses ever heard in the church. In a few forceful and eloquent words he covered the whole realm of man's duty to his God, his fellow man and to himself. Bishop Adams preached a fine sermon, occupying Dr. Martin's pulpit on Sunday morning. The bishop held delightful services in the school house on Eastern Neck Island on Monday night. The house was simply packed with a congregation which expressed themselves as highly pleased with the services.

Rev. W. P. Compton preached the union Thanksgiving sermon to the congregations of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, at Newark, Del.

Rev. E. C. Sunfield assisted Rev. J. A. Brewington, at the reopening services of the M. E. church, at chapel, on Cordova circuit, on December 2.

Dr. S. Reese Murray delivered one of the addresses at the tenth annual convention of the East Baltimore District Epworth League.

The rector of Shrewsbury thanks the members of his congregation for the gift of a new cassock, which he expects will be in use for the first time on Christmas day. Such good deeds not only bear witness to the interest of the people of Shrewsbury in the things of the Lord's House, but make the minister's heart strong in the assurance of their confidence and affection.

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