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FOR RENT FOR 1901.

STABLE and CARRIAGE HOUSE in rear of residence of the late John Brice. Hydrant in the yard. Apply to

R. D. HYNSON, Attorney.

j12-tf.

BOY WANTED.

A boy wanted to learn the printing business. Must come well recommended and must have passed through the second-sixth grade of the public schools of Kent county. No boy who cannot bring the recommendation of his teacher need apply. Apply in person at

3t TRANSCRIPT OFFICE.

TO LOAN ON MORTGAGES.

I have trust funds and to loan on Mortgages at 6 per cent., $500, $600, $800, $1000, $1500, $2000, $2400, $2500, $3000, $4000, $5000, $7000 and $10.000. Some of these sums can be placed for five years.

HOPE H. BARROLL, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Chestertown, Md.

j5-6t.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

A NEW

Straw-Baling Press.

JAMES C. CALHOUN, Sassafras, Kent Co., Md.

d29-4t.*

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.

All persons are notified not to trespass on the Yapp farm now tenanted by me with dog, gun or otherwise; all trespassing by crossing this farm positively forbidden. No personal requests for permission to cross this farm need be made to me as none will be granted.

C. H. PRICE. W. R. PRICE.

d29-3t.*

FOR SALE.

I have for sale a Lot of Thoroughbred LEGHORN ROOSTERS, and 75 to 80 SHOATS, weighing from 40 to 100 pounds. No cholery.

W. H. WALLIS, Kennedyville, Md.

d29-4t.*.

DWELLING FOR RENT FOR YEAR 1901.

Intending to move, I will rent my DWELLING on Mill street for the year 1901. The house has three bedrooms upstairs, two rooms, hall and kitchen down stairs, and a splendid summer kitchen, nicely located and every convenience.

Write or apply to

H. MEETEER WALLIS, Chestertown, Md

d22-ts.

DR. HOWARD F. PYFER,

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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, Chestertown, Md.

d15-tf.

THE ERICSSON HOTEL

AT BETTERTON

FOR SALE,

SCOTT CROWNHART, Betterton, Md.

u25-tf.

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, Sec'y Stam Hall Company.

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## Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County, letters of administration upon the personal estate of

JOHN C. MILLER,

late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of July, 1901, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 15th day of January, 1901.

JEREMIAH MILLER, Administrator.

j19-4t.

## Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County, letters of administration upon the personal estate of

MARY A. DIEHL,

late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the to the undersigned on or before the 28h day June, 1901, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 18th day of December, 1900

WASHINGTON G. SKIRVEN, Administrator

d22-4t.

## Notice to Creditors.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maryland. In the matter of Bedingfield S. Sutton. In Bankruptcy.

Bankrupt take notice, that

**Bedingfield S. Sutton,**

having been adjudicated Bankrupt by Hon. Thomas J. Morris, Judge of said court, on January 5th, 1901.

A first meeting of creditors will be held in the Court House at Chestertown, Kent county, Maryland, on

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1901,**

at 2.30 P. M., for the purpose of allowing claims, examining the bankrupt and selecting a trustee or trustees.

CLARENCE W. PERKINS, Referee.

j12-4t.

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## PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY.

### Isaac Robinson Files a Voluntary Petition—His Indebtedness in Kent.

Isaac Robinson, by his attorney, M. R. Walter (as agreed upon at a meeting of creditors held last week), filed in the United States District Court, on Monday, a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The schedule filed exhibits liabilities amounting in the aggregate to $878 132.40; assets, $298,292.92. The preferred claims amount to $1,652 06; due secured creditors, $308 617 75, who hold securities valued at $369,525; due unsecured creditors, $489,365.38; as endorser, $71 497.21; accommodation paper, $7,000. The assets include: Real estate, $18,500; notes, etc., $3,620.86; stock in trade, fertilizers, etc, $463,000, of which $302,000 is pledged as collateral; machinery, etc., $33,412.11; farming stock, etc., $7,512.50; life insurance, $170,000, of which one $10,000 policy is pledged as collateral; cash in bank, $1,585.85. The receivership in the Circuit Court is superseded by the bankruptcy proceedings, but for the present Messrs. Roger T. Gill and Frank M. Cline, who were appointed in the Circuit Court, are continued by Judge Morris as receivers, the bond being fixed at $250,000.

It is stated by those in a position to know, that Mr. Robinson's indebtedness in Kent, in varying amounts due to farmers and others, will aggregate about $4,000. This amount represents bills running from a few dollars to several hundred dollars, there being only a few bills up to or over two hundred dollars.

It should be said, in justice to Mr. E. W. Scarborough, Mr. Robinson's representative in Kent, that had all of the territory covered by Mr. Robinson's extensive business enterprises paid as handsomely as did this county, there would have been no need for insolvency proceedings, but on the contrary, handsome profits would have been received. He netted splendid returns from his Kent county business.

First of all, Mr. Scarborough is a thorough gentleman, next, he is a business man of rare capacity and almost unlimited physical endurance, and finally, he is a hustler in every sense. He started out by securing the entire confidence and respect of the Kent county people, and continues to hold their friendship and respect.

Isaac Robinson has been an unqualified blessing to the farmers of Kent, and it is most sincerely hoped that after the present financial embarrassments have passed, he may become thoroughly re-established in this section of the Eastern Shore.

The Chestertown store was finally closed yesterday.

## AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

### It Strikes the Sheriff and Constables Rather Hard.

Judges Pearce, Stump and Martin, in the Circuit Court for Talbot county, have just rendered an important decision relative to the fees of constables and sheriffs in the commitment and release of prisoners, which establishes the rule and law to apply throughout the whole Circuit. It has been the practice in Talbot, as well as in the other counties of the Circuit, for Justices of the Peace, after commitment of a prisoner upon a criminal charge to issue a release directing the sheriff to deliver the prisoner to some constable named in the release, either for a partial hearing or trial, and at the conclusion of the hearing, if the party was not discharged, to issue a new commitment, the services of both release and commitment being charged for by the constable and collected from the county.

In Talbot county the commissioners refused to pay the fee so charged and suit was brought. The Court rendered a verdict in favor of the commissioners and held "that when a prisoner was once committed to the custody of the sheriff upon a criminal charge, no release can be properly issued to a constable at all. Once within the custody of the sheriff his custody continues until the prisoner is bailed or discharged. When a hearing or trial is had it is the duty of the sheriff to produce the prisoner, upon the proper order from the Justice before whom the case is pending for hearing, but he is not entitled to any fee for serving release or recommitment any more than he is entitled to a fee for producing the prisoner in the circuit court for trial or under habeas, unless he is required to produce him before a Justice in the country, in which case he should be entitled to a fee."

**College Student Injured.**—Mr. Frank C. Kirk, a member of the senior class of Washington College, from Rising Sun, Cecil county, was painfully injured while at home on a holiday recently. While returning from Port Deposit his horse became unmanagable and in turning a corner overturned the carriage and threw the driver out. Mr. Kirk was dragged for some distance and was painfully but not seriously injured.

# Will Have the Electric Road.

## THE COUNTY'S CONTRACT GRANTING RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AS GIVEN BELOW, A MOST LIBERAL DOCUMENT.

## Work Expected to Commence at Once.

THE CONTRACT.

The following is the county's contract with the projectors of the proposed electric railroad:

This agreement made this 15th day of January A. D, 1901, by and between the county commissioners for Kent county, State of Maryland, and the Chestertown Light, Power and Railway Company, a duly incorporated body of said state and county, witnesseth:

That whereas the said Light, Power and Railway Company, having duly organized under the charter granted by the Legislature of the said State of Maryland, at the January session A. D. 1894, chapter 468 of the Acts of Assembly, passed at said session, and is therefore empowered to exercise the rights, powers and franchises conferred upon it by said charter, one of which rights and franchises is the use of the public highways of said Kent county, for the purposes of establishing and laying down electric railways upon and over the same, subject to the assent of the commissioners of Kent county aforesaid.

And whereas application has been made to said board of county commissioners for the privilege of using certain public roads or highways of said county as hereinafter specified, for the purpose of laying down or establishing an electric railway and operating an electric road thereon, which application the said board of county commissioners, after due consideration has granted, subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of this agreement, executed in duplicate by order of said board, dated January 15th, 1901, by the Honorable, the president of the said board of county commissioners, Daniel Hill, Esqr., and the Chestertown Light, Power and Railway company aforesaid.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the performance of the conditions and stipulations herinafter mentioned, the said board of county commissioners agree that the Chestertown Light, Power and Railway Company shall have the privilege of laying down, establishing and maintaining an electrical railway, and operating an electric road over and along the following described county highways or public roads, to wit:—Beginning at the corporate limits of Chestertown, at or near the Ratcliffe Flouring Mills, thence along the side of the public road to Fannell's branch, to the village of Fairlee, to McClain's corner, to St. Paul's church, to Edesville, to Rock Hall, to the wharf of the Chester River Steamboat Company, at Deep Landing; also from Rock Hall to the public landing on Rock Hall creek, near the dwelling house on Rock Hall farm, belonging to Dr. A. P. Sharp; also beginning at McClain's corner, and thence to the public landing at Tolchester Beach.

Provided, however, that in laying down said roadbed and the erection of poles or other equipment of the same, no part of the present traveled way of the said public highways shall be used or occupied, except in crossing the said highways, when it can be reasonably avoided. Nor is the uniform level of the said highways to be disturbed or the said highways or public roads to be left in an unsafe condition during the construction of said company's roadway.

The said Chestertown Light, Power and Railway Company, hereby agreeing to save harmless the said county commissioners, and to indemnify the said county for any loss or expense which said county may suffer by reason of the exercise of the rights and privileges hereby granted the said company by said county commissioners, during the building or erection of said railway.

The location along said public highway of the track or railway bed shall be determined by the board of county commissioners when any controversy shall arise as to the proper location of the same, the poles used in connection therewith or any of the equipment of the said railway.

And it is furthermore understood and agreed that the rights, powers and privileges hereby granted, are subject to revocation by the said board of county commissioners, should the said company fail to have the electric road between Chestertown and Rock Hall in regular operation by the first day of September A. D., 1901, and the said Chestertown Light, Power and Railway Company agree, whenever the track or railway laid shall cross the traveled way of the public roads of this county, then the said railway company will keep said traveled way in safe condition for public use, and shall keep substantial planking at the sides of the rails used by said electric railroad.

As witness our hands and the seals of the respective corporations.

DANIEL HILL, President.

Attest:—H. THEODORE JEWELL, Clerk.

All indications point to a speedy realization of the long-talked-of railroad from Chestertown to Tolchester and Rock Hall. The county commissioners on Tuesday entered into a formal contract under seal granting the use of public highways for the purpose of laying tracks, equipping and operating an electric railway.

Messrs. William A. Washburn, of the Cambria Steel Works, and Mervin C. Stanley, of New York, are at the head of the enterprise. These gentlemen have been conspicuous in great financial enterprises, and have unlimited capital back of them. They have inspected every foot of the proposed route, and have ample data to use as a basis upon which to figure the possibilities of developing a profitable passenger and freighting business along the line of the road. They were delighted with Rock Hall, and expressed themselves as satisfied that with a fast steamer across the bay and the system connecting with the railway at Chestertown, the future of the bayside town is bright.

All things considered, there is little reason to doubt the speedy building of the road. As yet no formal application has been made to the Chestertown board of commissioners for rights to use the streets of the town from the western limit of the town at Topping's Flouring Mill and the river front. The commissioners have promised, however, to act promptly in the matter when it is formally brought before them

Options have been secured on the plant of the Chestertown Electric Light Company as well as on the Chestertown Water Works. Should an agreement of purchase be reached between the owners of the electric light plant, it is proposed to operate the town illumination in conjunction with the electric road. It is stated also, that in the advent of a purchase of the water works the Old Free School Spring, the present source of supply, will be abandoned and the town supplied from artesian wells.

Until the electrical and other engineers have made a detailed report after a thorough inspection of the entire route, it will be impossible to do more than speculate as to the requirments of the enterprises outlined and the final cost of the improvements.

A gentleman in a position to know something of such matters, in the absence of definite data, figures on a 600-horse power dynamo for Chestertown, but whether or not this will be adequate, is of course, merely speculative. It might be necessary to have two power stations. This the electrical engineers only can decide. It is proposed to have the road the regular gauge.

The question has been asked whether or not heavy freights will be carried. In answer to this, it is stated that every class of freight will be carried,—grain, fruit, etc. It is proposed to have sufficient power to move freight trains equal in weight to four fully loaded Pennsylvania Railroad coal cars. Passengers will be carried from Chestertown to Rock Hall in about forty-five minutes.

In connection with the big dynamo to be put in, the extension of a wire from Chestertown to Centreville via Church Hill, for illuminating purposes, has been fully considered, as also has the idea of sending out wires to Kennedyville, Locust Grove and Galena; to Still Pond and Betterton. Of course these plans, while elaborate, are in a crude state as yet.

An unofficial estimate of the cost is put at $18,000 per mile for building and equipping the road. The distance is estimated at twenty miles, giving a grand total for the completed road of $360,000. Then, the dynamo at $50,000 increases this amount to $410.000.

At a cost of $1,000 per mile for the best copper wire, the first cost of the wire for illuminating purposes, to Centreville, will be $16,000.

As a rule, farmers along the line are enthusiastic in their endorsement of the proposed line. Some, however, fear that the cars might be dangerous to travel and productive of damage suits and trouble. In this connection it may be said that in the counties contiguous to large centres of population, nothing is more common than trolley lines using the public highways. While, as a general thing, a great majority of the citizens of Chestertown and Rock Hall endorse this proposed wonderful 20th-century innovation, some of the merchants of both towns oppose the road upon the supposition that it will carry trade from, rather than to the two largest towns of the county.

In commenting upon this feature of objections raised, a citizen of Rock Hall said, "It will be a big thing for Chestertown as well as Rock Hall. Many persons who cannot take a day off or who have not the money for a trip to Baltimore, will board the cars along the route, go to one or the other towns, spend a few hours and return home. Then too the banks will feel the change, for, instead of hard-earned dollars finding their way into dark closets and other out-of-the-way hiding places for safety, it will be found both convenient and cheap to make deposits with local banks.'

A Chestertown gentleman said, "There seems to be some force in the claim that trade will go to the city from the local merchants, with increased facilities of travel and cheap rates. I do know, however, that the increase in the sale of goods in Chestertown has been out of all proportion to the increase in population during the past forty years. This increase has taken place in the face of four or five daily boats touching the county during a greater portion of the year where but one line ran a weekly, and later tri-weekly trips out of Chester river. Then the fare was $2 00, now it is $1 00 round trip. This improvement will not hurt Chestertown in any way, in my opinion."

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. S. E. Startt announces the marriage of her daughter, Minnie, to Mr. Charles M. Vickers, on Thursday, January 24, 1901, at Kennedyville M. P. parsonage, at 4 o'clock P. M. No cards in the county.

The young men of Still Pond will give a dance in the Chesapeake House, Betterton, on Friday evening, January 25, 1901. Dancing at 8 30 o'clock. The committee are: William Hepbron, H. C. Price, Walter Davis, J. B. Parrott, Harry Hendrickson.

Mrs. Alfred Merritt, of Baltimore, was the guest of Mrs. W. N. E. Wickes, Front street, for several days of the past week.

Mr. George C. Perkins has secured a position with a business house in Philadelphia.

Benjamin F. Perkins, of the Philadelphia bar, was in town during a portion of the present week.

Lieut. John G. Constable, son of Albert Constable, of Cecil county, who is in the Phillippine Islands, was heard from Saturday by his family for the first time since September last. Lieutenant Constable wrote that he has been ill with malaria fever, and at the time of writing home was still in the hospital, but was nearly well. The young lieutenant is socially well known in Chestertown where he has frequently visited.

Mrs. William Robertson is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Undertaker J. N. Dodd has been in Baltimore consulting a specialist for throat trouble.

Mr. Chas. S. York, Jr., is a guest at the home of Mr. Jacob F. Thompson, and is slowly regaining his strength, after a serious illness.

The friends of Mr. Arthur Bradley will regret to learn that he is again seriously ill, having never fully recovered from an aggravated attack of appendicitis.

Miss Anna G. Lambert attended the full dress wedding of her friend, Miss Elizabeth C. Parker, in Middletown, on Thursday and played the wedding march. Governor Hunn and other celebrities were present.

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Miss Lydia E. Witworth, youngest daughter of Mr. Roger Witworth, a prominent merchant of Elkton, to Mr. S. Chester Coursey, junior editor of the Centreville *Record*. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride, on West Main street, Elkton, Wednesday evening, January 23. Both Mr. Coursey and Miss Witworth were students of Washington College two years ago, and are well known in Chestertown.

Chief Judge James A. Pearce, and associates Frederick Stump and William R. Martain, and a number of other gentlemen, were entertained at a terrapin and venison supper on Thursday night of last week, by mine host John T. Wilson, of the Howard House, Elkton. The venison had been sent to Mr. Wilson by Benjamin M. Crawford, a former resident of Cecil, but now residing in Clifton, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Rol Hurlock, of Queen Anne, near Chester bridge, left for Florida, on Monday. They will make a tour of Cuba during their absence, which will be for a greater portion of the winter.

Miss Margaret Stavely was married to Mr. William L. Rowland, on Monday, January 7, at 6 o'clck, at the home of Mr. Rowland's sister, Miss Cassie J. Rowland, Liberty Grove, Md. Elder Grafton performed the ceremony. After the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Rowland spent some time at the Rennert, Baltimore, after which they left for their home in Columbus, South Carolina. Mrs. Rowland is a daughter of the late J. Reyner Stavely, of Lynch's Station.

Miss Edna Ringgold, of Baltimore, is the guest of Chestertown friends.

Mr. Thomas H. Topping is the guest of his brother, at Topping, Middlesex county, Va. This is the first visit of Mr. Topping to his home-State in six years.

Mr. Anderson, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. C. W. Reid, at the college, for several days of this week.

Mrs. James McKee, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of her brother, Mr. H. Meeteer Wallis, High street.

Miss Mae Usitton, of Worton, has returned from a pleasant visit to friends in Baltimore.

Miss Ellen Spry Medders, sister of Mr. William Medders, of Still Pond, has been appointed to a scholarship at the Maryland Institute in the place of Miss Shafer, of Kennedyville, who has resigned.

Last Thursday night Mrs. Robert R. Calder suffered an attack of vertigo and fell against a stove, breaking two ribs and otherwise bruising her body.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gale Usilton gave a party to a number of friends on Tuesday evening, at their home near town. A violinist and harpist furnished music for dancing.

Supt. Reinharz, of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, was the guest of his assistant superintendent in this section, Mr. Edward P. Beck, on Thursday. Mr. Reinharz stated that the Prudential wrote $249,000,000 business during 1900. The annual banquet for this district will be held at Dover on January 28, and will be attended by Mr. Beck and his staff—Messrs. Frank V. Simpers, Charles R. Pippin, A.S. Groves and C. F. Wheatley.

Prof. John T. Mallalieu, of Kerney, Neb., has been appointed superintendent of the Nebraska Reformatory School at a salary of $2,500 per annum. Mr. Mallalieu is a brother of Messrs. Joseph and Samuel Mallalieu, of Millington.

Messrs. Richard D. Hynson and Wm. W. Beck have gone on a ten days' gunning trip to North Carolina.

A letter was received a few days ago from Mr. Kent Lambert, son of Mr. G. E. Lambert, of Chestertown, who is stationed at Cavite. He has been to China and visited the King's palace and secured a number of souvenirs. He expects to return to America about July 1st. Mr. John Dowling, who went with Mr. Lambert, is stationed about 900 miles away.

The engagement of Miss Mary Miller Patterson to Mr. Wm. H. Bryan has been announced. The wedding will take place February 14, at the home of Miss Patterson's sister, Mrs. Thomas H. Roberts, Maryland avenue, near Preston street, Baltimore. Miss Patterson is the granddaughter of the late Dr. John H. Patterson, of Baltimore. Her father, Mr. Wm. P. Patterson, died when she was quite young. Mr. Bryan is a well-known broker and a member of the Elkridge Fox Hunting Club and Baltimore Country Club.

## DIED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

### A Brother of Mr. Alexander Mair Dies of Typhoid Fever in Cape Town.

Mr. Alexander Mair, of Betterton, has received a copy of the *Cape Times*, printed at Cape Town, South Africa, giving an account of the death of David Mair, his brother, on Nov. 28, of typhoid fever, aged 42 years. Mr. Mair was inspector of the Imperial Railway Telegraph, and had been in the employ of the English government about twenty-one years, during which time a number of extensive and important national telegraph lines had been completed under his superintendency. He had spent some years in the Transvaal, having opened up a line through that section.

He was sometime ago made chief of construction, and went from Bloemfontain to Cape Town, where he was stricken with fever and died in Somerset Hospital. The deceased was from Elgin, Scotland.

A copy of the *Cape Times*, in the possession of Mr. Alexander Mair, contained many items of general interest. Kruger is invariably referred to as "ex-President Kruger." Considerable space is devoted to the rust in wheat, and in an adjoining column is an advertisement of a skating and ice palace. Among the market reports, the crop of ostrich plumes is declared to be light. Virginia Brights Cigarettes and whiskey are conspicuous in the advertising columns. The arrest of a "coloured pickpocket" is mentioned, and the report from the divorce court is given at length. Bicycles are extensively advertised.

## AT THE COLLEGE.

### Literary Societies Elect Officers For Another Term.

On Saturday evening, January 12th, the Mount Vernon Literary Society elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, F. B. Noble; Vice Pres., F. Leslie Williams; Rec. Sec., L. B. Smith; Cor. Sec., A. Stingle Marine; Treas., A. T. Tyler; Critic. D. G. Roe; Historian, J. T. Baden; S. at A., Walter Gunby. Each of the officers after taking the oath of office, made a short speech.

The same evening the Piera Literary Society elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: President, Miss Hallie Toulson; Vice Pres., Miss Ida Downs; Rec. Sec., Miss Effa Blades; Cor. Sec., Wilsie Woodcock; Treas., Miss Minnie Childs.

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