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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1901.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Navigation Closed.—Owing to the heavy ice the Chester river boats have not made a trip since Wednesday. The Emma Ford left Chestertown that morning and reached Baltimore about an hour late. The Tolchester boat will not make her trip today.

A New Cemetery.—A number of prominent colored citizens of Chestertown have petitioned the board of town commissioners to prohibit all interments in the old colored cemetery near Scott's Point. A new cemetery has been purchased near town and all burials in the future will be in the new cemetery.

Installation of Officers.—On last Wednesday evening the following were installed as officers of Chester Lodge A. F. and A. M., for one year: W. M., J. H. Simpers; Sr. W., Wm. A. Wheatley; Jr. W., L. B. Russell; Treas., J. H. Sides; Sec., Wm. G. Russell; S. D., J. King Wright; Jr. D., M. W. Thomas; Tyler, Wm. S. McDonnell; stewards, Geo. C. Atkinson and E. N. Roland.

Walked in His Sleep.— An elderly bachelor guest of Mr. William R. Pippin's Armstrong House, had an extremely laughable experience several days ago. The gentleman in question dreamed that he had an engagement to take a lady to church. He got up in the middle of the night, donned his very best clothes and was putting on the finishing touches for his pleasant excursion, when his roommate asked what he was doing, and was told that he was preparing to take a "lady friend to church." When informed that his church going was only a pleasant dream, with a quaint little expression not learned in his Sunday school books, the placid tempered bachelor bade his "lady friend" good night and stole into bed to enjoy other excursions into the realms of dreamland.

An Unfortunate Mishap.—Mr. Ned Walls, of Crumpton, was singularly unfortunate in Chestertown on Monday. He had cut from the ice as fine a lot of "yaller neds," (or for the sake of euphony, "ring perch,") as is usually seen during the winter, in Chestertown. The nets from which the fish were taken at Crumpton, were under the ice, and during the trip to Chestertown the fish were themselves encased in ice. While hauling his mid-winter catch around town, the mail wagon of Mr. Charles H. Davis came along, driven by a colored man. The wheel of the mail wagon caught the hind wheel of Mr. Walls' dayton, picked it completely from the ground and landed it with its wheels in the air. The top was smashed, fish swerved the road, and so complete was the "upset" that the horse was left standing outside the shafts. The dayton had just left the repair shop.

LITTLE LOCALS.

† Rev. J. M. Arters, of Fairlee, preached a fine sermon at Worton Station on Sunday. Mr. Joseph Porter said of it: "He commenced at the very top and preached to the very bottom of his text."

† Deputy Supreme Organizer, George H. Trax, installed the officers of Chestertown Conclave Improved Order Heptasophs, on Thursday night.

† Mr. George N. Nunsem has the greater portion of his last season's pack at Chestertown, still stored in his warehouse at the wharf.

† Mr. Frank M. Miller and a force of men are equipping the handsome new residence of Mr. Samuel J. Wickes, at Rock Hall, with complete heating, water and bath-room fixtures.

† Supt. George E. Noland, attended a meeting of the directors of the Tolchester Company in Baltimore, last week.

† One of the most perfect models of a plow ever seen in Chestertown is exhibited in the window of Mr. J. B. Burchinal. The plow was made by Mr. E. B. Jones. The model is simply perfect

† Mr. Joel R. Clements representing the Chester River Steamboat Company, at Chestertown, says that in his experience of 26 years the corn shipments have not been so small.

† Poles for the Tolchester branch of the telephone line are now being put in place.

† Addie Needles, who assaulted Officer Cooper, was taken to the House of Correction, on Monday, for three months. Lynch took an appeal to court.

† Mr. W. C. A. Thompson bagged four fine black ducks at five shots on Monday morning.

† It is suggested that Kenndyville debaters discuss the needs of a new public school building for that place. No one is willing to take the negative as the new building is a thing which everyone recognizes as desirable.

† Three brand new Queen Anne county foxes crossed the Chester on the ice and landed in Quaker Neck last week. Huntsmen will not hunt them until the river ice melts for fear they will return.

† There are eleven prisoners in the Chestertown jail, nine of which are being held for larceny, one for disorderly conduct and one for trespass.

† Ice-boat sailing and skating on Chester river has been much enjoyed by the young and a few of our old citizens this week.

Cashier Elected.—Mr. Walter W. Chapman was elected cashier of the Chestertown National Bank by the board of directors at their meeting Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Chapman entered the employ of the bank as a boy in 1881, and has filled with marked ability every position in it from the bottom round to the top. He is an experienced accountant and banker, and has the confidence of the entire community.

Bids Closed.—The first bids by Mr. J. J. Scoone, for carrying the mails between Chestertown and Rock Hall, was considered too high, and a second opportunity to bid for the work was closed on Tuesday. Several bids were registered and in the course of a few days it is expected that the name of the successful contestant will be made known. The old system of a general contractor who sub-let the work, has been done away with, and contracts are now made by the Department direct with the carrier. The last year's price paid the carrier was $360. The general contractor got $385.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL ITEMS.

At the members' meeting last week Mr. Samuel Burgess was elected delegate to represent the Chesapeake Charge in the annual conference to meet in Easton, Talbot county, on the first Wednesday in April. In a report of Mr. Burgess, general treasurer of church funds, it was shown that the finances of the church are in good condition. On Sunday last, the vote was taken on the Caton Resolution in reference to the five-year time limit, and resulted as follows: "In favor of the time limit, 3; opposed to limit, 16.

The Sunday school lesson will be reviewed next Sunday morning by Mr. Burgess, who has an interesting class of young ladies.

The subject of the sermon will be "The Open Door," at the close of which an invitation will be extended to the unsaved to enter the "Open Door" of salvation.

The pastor is urging a large attendance at the fourth quarterly conference to meet in the church on Monday afternoon of the 25th inst., at 2 o'clock. The "order of business" in the new discipline is very interesting, and calls for reports from all the officials of the church, and a "written report" from the pastor.

Two hearts were made happy at the parsonage on Thursday evening of the present week, in the holy bonds of matrimony, the pastor of the church officiating. The contracting parties were Mr. James G. W. Harrison and Miss Alice B. Biggs.

"Oh, the music and beauty of life lose their worth,
When one heart only joys in their smile;
But the union of hearts gives that pleasure its birth,
Which beams on the darkest and coldest of earth
Like the sun on his own chosen isle;
It gives to the fireside of winter the light,
The glow and the glitter of spring—
O sweet are the hours, when two fond hearts unite,
As softly they glide, in their innocent flight
Away on a motionless wing."

AN EXPLANATION.

Prof. Clark Explains the Value of the Geological Survey to the Farmers.

During the extended operations in Kent of Prof. Bonsteel and other members of the Geological Survey, many inquiries were made as to the value of their work to the farming communities of the county.

A move has been started having in view the stopping of the work in Maryland, and through the energy of Mr. John Bell, a strong petition of protest was forwarded to Washington. In reply to this the following explanitory letter has been received by Mr. Bell:

"I am in receipt of your kind favor of the 26th instant and also of the petition which you have been so good as to secure. This petition will be very valuable if further trouble is encountered with the Agricultural Committee. Within the last few days I have had letters from our representatives stating that they have succeeded in arranging the matter with those members of the committee who were hostile to Maryland interests, so that our work will not suffer. Should any further difficulty develop I shall send the petition directly on to Washington. I thank you very cordially for securing it.

"You have asked me to state the benefits which the Geological Survey is able to offer to the farmers of Maryland. I am sure I can answer this in a manner satisfactory to you and others who inquire.

"First—The agricultural mapping will determine definitely the uses and the distribution of the various types of soil. There have been some very striking results secured by the agricultural investigations of this character within the last few years. Two years ago studies, such as we are making, were begun on lands of the Connecticut valley in Connecticut and Massachuetts with the result that a certain type of sandy soil which had been regarded as of no value was shown to be capable of producing the highest grades of tobacco fillers, a type of tobacco which had only been secured by importation at the very highest figures. The result has been that land worth less than $5, an acre is now selling for $500 and the soil maps have shown the exact location and extent of these lands.

"In the same way similar results in Florida have proved the value of certain abandoned lands for particular forms of fruit culture and they have risen a hundred fold in value. Somewhat similar results have resulted from our study of certain gravelly sands and loams on the Western Shore, which had before proved of little known value, but are now recognized to be of great value for certain crops. We are engaged in the study and classification of all our soil types in Maryland, and when this work is finished and represented on maps of large scale will prove of the very greatest practical value to the agricultural interests of the State. The work of the Division of Soils is commanding the attention of agriculturists throughout the country and there can be no question as to its practical value.

"Second—The topographic maps which we are making show the grades and drainage conditions along all of the State highways and will prove of the very greatest benefit to the counties in the future location and grading of the highways. It will save the counties large expenditures in the making of surveys.

"Third—The study and location of the mineral deposits of the State including under this head not only ores, but building materials, clays, etc., will prove of permanent benefit to the owners of land.

"Fourth—The determination of the magnetic declination in the different counties and the establishment of a true north and south line will give the data for the determination of all property lines, regarding which there has been much confusion and litigation in many of our counties.

"Fifth—The determination of the water resources of the State is a matter of much importance to our central and western counties.

"Sixth—The publication of this and other information in official reports and their distribution to libraries and interested individuals afford authentic information, the value of which both directly and indirectly cannot fail to be very great. Other states have been carrying on such work for many years and have become convinced of its practical value.

"I could give you further proofs of the practical value of such work as we are carrying on, but I fear I shall weary you with a longer account.

"Thanking you for your kind interest, believe me,

Very truly yours,
WM. BULLOCK CLARK,
State Geologist."

AN EXCITING EXPERIENCE.

An Eastern Shors Banker Mistaken for a Kidnapper.

The following is taken from the Chestertown correspondent in the Baltimore *Sun* under date of Feb. 11, 1901:

"A gentleman connected with one of the Eastern Shore banks, holding a very responsible position there and in society, related to the *Sun* correspondent how he was once mistaken for a kidnapper and for a while was in danger of maltreatment by an angry mob. The worst of it was the circumstantial evidence was all against him. The incident occurred at Havre de Grace, Md., two years ago. In these days, when the crime of abduction of children is becoming so common, the story is particularly interesting. The victim of mistaken identity said:

"'I do not think that I, as a judge or a juror, could ever convict a man of an infamous crime on purely circumstantial evidence when I remember how nearly I came to being punished—how severely, it is impossible to tell; perhaps hung to a lamp-post or burned at the stake by a gang of angry men—for a crime I never thought of committing, which it was impossible for me to commit, and, in fact, which was never committed, on circumstantial evidence strong enough probably to have convicted me in a place where I was a stranger and where my character and standing were unknown.

"'I had an engagement to dine in Washington one evening at the house of a friend who was an officer of rank in the civil service of the McKinley administration. It was an engagement I was very anxious to keep for several reasons. It came on a very busy day with me, and when I got my business affairs in shape I found my only chance of making the appointment was to take the steamer Susquehanna at Betterton for Havre de Grace and connect there with an express train for Washington. If the boat and the train were both up to schedule I would have a little time to spare in Havre de Grace. But the steamboat fell behind, having been delayed in getting through the Susquehanna draw, and when we landed I saw I would be rushed to make the railroad connection, the depot and the wharf being quite a distance apart. There was one wagon at the wharf loading with beer kegs for a hotel. I tried to get the driver to rush me to the depot, but he had his load to deliver with dispatch at the hotel.

"'Now I am somewhat of a sprinter and up in athletics, having been for several years at the head of the athletic association on the Eastern Shore. So I started off on a quick run. Before leaving home I had put on my evening clothes and covered them with a light overcoat becoming to the season, which was buttoned. I carried only a light satchel. The regular route by the streets to the depot caused me to traverse three sides of a square, but I saw there were some diagonals I could make which would shorten distance and save time, and I ran along nimbly across lots or down the railroad. Presently I stumbled to a stooping posture and almost ran over two children—a boy and a girl—who were playing on the ground and whom I had not seen until then. Terror-stricken, they ran screaming into a near gateway, when I heard their screams turn to shrieks. Two men standing near had observed this incident. I started off again on a run, and soon I found these men were following me, also running. I came down to a walk, and the men went by, glaring on me as they passed. One said: 'That's the man!' and the other, 'Yes, that's him!'

"'Well, by the time I got near the depot I was surrounded by a crowd of angry and ferocious looking men and women, and the circle contracted until they were almost within arm's length of me. I saw there was trouble, and plenty of it, ahead. Who they thought I was, or what it was supposed I had done I had no idea. I had not yet spoken a word, but I thought quick and formed a plan. I unbuttoned my overcoat and threw it back on my shoulders, that they might see I was a gentlemen or at least dressed as a gentleman. Men in the crowd were uttering ourses and threats, and I heard one say, 'hang him!' There was no leader, and I knew it would not only be useless but foolish and harmful to enter into an argument with the gang.

"'Then stepped up close in front of me a man with a little girl in his arms, whom I recognized as the one whom I had so innocently frightened. He held her up close to me and said: 'Now, daughter, look closely and carefully at the man. Take your time. If you are real sure he is the man say so, but don't say so unless you know he is.' Had the child identified me as the man guilty of I did not know what, I had but one chance of reprieve or escape. Coming down on the Susquehanna with me was Judge Frederick Stump. We were together most of the passage. He knew where I was going. He landed at Havre de Grace and went to a hotel. I supposed many of these people knew Judge Stump, and I intended to appeal to them to wait until he could be brought to tell them who I was, what were my character and my standing, and why I was running. But the child, after looking me over carefully, said: 'Why, no, papa, that's not the gentleman. He wasn't dressed like that. I know he's not the man.' Her manner was very positive. I then asked what all this meant, and the man with the child told me that there had been an abduction or an attempted abduction of a child at Havre de Grace a short time before and that the people were still excited about it. It was supposed I had tried to catch and carry off his little girl but, of course, there was some mistake and he apologized. I accepted his apologies and got my train, which was a little late, and kept my engagement in Washington. Two of my captors, however, got on the same train and took seats where they could watch me. I looked them squarely in the face. They got off at Baltimore.

"'It was not a pleasant experience to be surrounded by a network of circumstantial evidence in the midst of a crowd of strangers—men possibly of whom the best that could be said was they were resolute men who had caught me, as they supposed, in the act of the commission of a crime they were ready to punish, so as to check such crimes, by the swift application of the ropes and stakes, which are becoming the common paraphernalia of lynch law.'"

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DIED.

BRISCOE.—On February 12, 1901, Mrs. S. Abbie Briscoe, beloved wife of Richard F. Briscoe, of Galena, Kent County, Md.

Funeral took place from the residence of her neice, Mrs. Frank J. Murphy, No. 1712 Harlem avenue, on Thursday, February 14, at 7. A. M. Services and interment at Bethel cemetery, Cecil county, at 11 A. M.

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CHESTER CEMETERY.

The attention of the holders of lots in Chester Cemetery is called to the following By-Laws passed by the company at a meeting held in the office of H. W. Vickers, Esq., Jan. 24th, 1901:

BY-LAW A.

No person shall be permitted to open or dig a grave in any lot in the cemetery, except by the authority of the superintendent of the cemetery, and then only by the keeper duly employed by the board of managers to do said work.

B.

No person shall be permitted to do any work about any of the lots in the cemetery, except by the keeper or the holder of the lot or some servant of said lot-holder, and in the permanent employ, and in all cases under the supervision or by direction of the superintendent of the cemetery.

By order Chester Cemetery Co.
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JOEL R. CLEMENTS,
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