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A CARD.

WE DESIRE to inform our friends and patrons and the public generally, that arrangements are about completed for the forming of a stock company, to take over all the property and assets of the Isaac Robinson Co., in Kent county.

It will be the object of the new company to conduct a general hardware and implement business, at both Still Pond and Chestertown, and operate three canneries, Rosedale, Still Pond Sta. and Chestertown.

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THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Kent's Officials Made Known by the Governor on Tuesday.

Governor Smith announced on Tuesday the following appointments for Kent county:

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Dist.	Dist.
1. P. F. Pierce,	4. Willard Melvin,
1. Geo. C. Towrsend,	4. T. Waters Russell,
2 Joseph C. Rasin,	4. Thomas D France,
2 Henry L. Davis,	5. Robert F. Jewell.
3. Richard F. Moffett,	

NOTARIES PUBLIC.

Charles Estes, Chestertown.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

W. Frank Hines,

SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS.

James R. Bowers and Dennis J. McCauley, Democrats, and Wm. H. Brown, Republican.

CORONER.

Enoch N. Roland.

PENSIONS FOR TEACHERS.

Senator Moore is much gratified by the passage of his bill giving a pension to aged teachers by an unanimous vote of the senate. The bill now goes to the House, and it is not expected that there will be any opposition to the bill in that body. The bill authorizes a pension of $200 a year out of the State Treasury to teachers who have taught 25 years in the public schools, having a good record, and who have reached the age of 60 years and are no longer able, through physical infirmity, to support themselves.

TO ABANDON A TRACK.

Among the more important bills introduced into the Senate on Tuesday was the following:

Senator Baker's bill authorizing the Baltimore and Delaware Bay railroad Company to abandon the two miles of track between Massey's and the Delaware line. At Masseys the road crosses the road from Centreville to Townsend. Both roads are controlled by the Pennsylvania, and the trains from Chestertown will go through Massey's to Townsend over the road from Centreville.

THE JIM CROW LAW.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is manifesting considerable interest in Mr. Giles' "Jim Crow" law. The passage of the bill would entail some expense upon railroad companies, which seme of the companies seem unwilling to bear. It has been argued in behalf of the bill, that when a railroad car is divided with two compartments equally comfortable, it is no hardship to the colored race to ask passengers belonging to that race to occupy one of those compartments exclusively. There is little doubt that the railroads already have the right to do it if they choose, and in point of fact one or more railroads in the State do it now. One of the objects of the bill, it is said, is to avoid the conflicts and disputes between white and black passengers which sometimes occur in the cars.

Mr. Charles H. Carter was in Annapolis and asked Senator Brewington whether he would be satisfied if the law was made to apply to his part of the State, namely, the lower part of the Eastern Shore. The same question has been put to Mr. Giles, of Somerset, who introduced the bill, by the counsel of the Pennsylvania Road. Senator Brewington says that he is only concerned about his own part of the State, and if the people of other sections do not want the law he does not want to force it on them.

The bill to amend the charter of the Chester River Steamboat Company has had its second reading.

Representative Kendall has introduced a bill to incorporate the Kent Light and Power Company.

The bill to regulate the deposit of public monies in Kent has been favorably reported by the committee.

A petition has been filed by C. H. Price and others asking for the appointment of a Police Justice for Kent County.

OBITUARY.

MRS. JANE M. BICKLEY.

Mrs. Jane M. Bickley, died of exhaustion, at her home in Philadelphia, on Friday, February 16, aged 57 years. The remains were to have been brought to Chestertown for interment in Chester cemetery on Monday, but the snow blockade prevented. The body was brought down on Thursday and funeral services were held in Christ M. P. church. Rev. D. L. Greenfield officiating. The deceased was before marriage a Miss Watson, a sister of the late E. J. Watson. A husband and son survive her. The bearers were: Samuel Vannort, G. W. Hatcherson, Joseph Watson, John Morris, George Hendrickson and James W. Crouch. Undertaker John Dood had arrangements in charge.

Mr. Ward Appointed.—Mr. W. S. Ward, who recently resigned as instructor of Manuel Training in the Chestertown Public Schools, has been appointed to the position made vacant in the Rockville school by the resignation of Prof. A. Riggs Brown. Upon the resignation of Mr. Ward, Prof. Brown, then instructor of the Rockville school, accepted the position in Chestertown but was compelled to resign because of poor health.

In The Grasp of a Blizzard.

RAILROADS AND PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES BLOCKED WITH DRIFTED SNOW.

KENT COMPLETELY CUT OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD

A DAY OF GENERAL BUSINESS STAGNATION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

Since Sunday night Kent county has been greatly inconvenienced by a snow blockade, forcibly recalling the scenes of former great blizzards which have swept over this section of the country. Snow commenced falling at about 10 o'clock on Sunday night with a north east wind. The wind later veered round to the north-west and not until late in the afternoon on Monday did the snow cease. The total fall was about five and a half inches.

Conductor Welch took his train through on the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad on Monday morning without trouble or delay. Already heavy banks had begun to form in some of the deeper cuts and as a precautionary measure Mr. Welch was given two heavy engines for his down trip. Even then he was more than an hour late in reaching Chestertown. On the afternoon trip the Chestertown train was an hour and 42 minutes late in reaching Massey, a distance of 20 miles. The Queen Anne train having gone on to Townsend, Conductor Welch was ordered to that point with his passengers. The scene was spectacular and weird. Great banks as high as the top of the cars in many cases, hung nearly over the railroad tracks, public roadways were blocked and incoming engines and cars were masses of ice and snow.

The down train left Massey three-quarters of an hour late with two heavy engines drawing a tender, baggage car and passenger coach. All went well until Batt's Cut, about a half mile south of Lambson's Station, was reached. At that point the "up-train" had stalled and here the "down train" came to a dead standstill. The train with about a dozen passengers was ordered to the siding at Lambson's to await assistance, which came at about 9 o'clock in the form of two monster engines, one of them provided with a snow-plow. Chestertown was reached at 10.15 o'clock.

On Tuesday the north bound train made her run, though late, but on the return was again caught at Batt's cut and forced, with a number of passengers on board, to lay helpless at Lambson's until Thursday morning. Chestertown was not reached until 11 o'clock. This train brought down Tuesday's and Wednesday's mail. Chestertown was news-hungry when the flood of mail matter swept down upon the people.

PUBLIC ROADS BLOCKED.

The north-west gales which prevailed during Monday night and Tuesday, Tuesday night and Wednesday, filling railroad cuts, banked and made most of the roads running north and south in the county impassable. It was impossible for farmers to traverse the roadway sand the few who struggled into town on Tuesday came through fields and across country. Chestertown was practically dead from a business standpoint on Tuesday.

THRILLING EXPERIENCES.

Dr. H. G. Simpers endeavored to visit a patient in Quaker Neck on Tuesday morning; his horse got down in the snow and help was necessary to get the team out of the bank. Robert McWhorter started with a commercial man for Edesville, his horse fell in a snow bank and the gentlemen were forced to return to town. All of the Rural Delivery and star-route mail men started out armed with shovels to dig their way through, but not one of them succeeded in covering his route. Mr. David B. Kendall succeeded in making about two miles in Queen Anne when his horses fell and he was forced to return. Dozens of upsets and experiences of a more or less unpleasant character occurred in every section of the county.

COAL FAMINE THREATEMED.

At Rock Hall matters assumed rather a serious aspect. For nearly three weeks navigation had been closed and during that time merchants and individuals had relied either upon Chestertown or the railroad by way of Chestertown for supplies. When the snow-blocked roads cut of this communication the local supply soon became seriously diminished. Then too, the coal supply became so depleted as to arouse serious apprehension of a fuel famine of embarrassing proportions.

THE PROSPECTS.

Navigation has been closed in Chester river for just three weeks to-day. Reports are that the ice is weakening, with some open places. The rain of yesterday coming on the snow which lay on the ice, will do much to greatly weaken the ice embargo and with anything like favorable weather conditions navigation may open within the next week or ten days. Under the most favorable circumstances no boat may be expected to reach Chestertown before the last of next week. Sassafras river and the upper bay are still tightly sealed and only a strong southerly wind and warm rain can give speedy relief in that direction.

The Baltimore and Delaware Bay trains have continued to run late all of the week and the noon train yesterday did not reach Chestertown until 1.30 o'clock.

LIGHTHOUSES THREATENED

Seven-foot Knoll and Sandy Point, were threatened with destruction on Monday by great masses of ice that ran before a northwest gale and piled up around the foundations of the beacons to a height of 15 feet above the water. Sunday's northeasterly winds filled the Patapsco River and Chesapeake Bay from shore to shore with ice that had gorged on the Eastern Shore. Monday's northwest blow sent the floes scurrying down the Bay. At Bodkin Point, and at the mouth of the Patapsco River, the ice from the Upper Bay packed until it grounded in 15 feet of water and then piled itself in a heap 12 feet above the tide. The cakes of ice were from 5 to 10 inches thick, and in many places the floes had overlapped until they were five feet deep.

As acres of the ice swept down the river, all sizes and shapes of ice brought up on the stone riprap work and steel skeleton foundations of Seven-Foot Knoll, at the mouth of the Patapsco. It piled higher and higher, while it filled the waters in a gorge that reached to the bed of the river and sprawled over the heaps of stone about the base of the structure.

Chunks of ice weighing tons hit the metal framework with a force that must have made the lighthouse tremble and threatened to batter down the foundations. Late Tuesday afternoon the ice had piled up to a heighth of 15 feet, nearly to the floor of the lighthouse. Similar conditions existed at Sandy Point, at the mouth of the channel, where ice is gorged up around the steel cylindrical foundation to a height of 15 feet.

STORM ELSEWHERE.

The storm started off the coast of Florida. It struck the upper Atlantic coast at Cape Charles City, sweeping with terrific force over the coast line of the entire peninsula. Kent only felt the edge of the blizzard. New York city was the centre of its greatest force. Business paralysis prevailed for nearly 48 hours. Railroads and street cars were helpless and all transportation was practically paralyzed.

KENT ISLAND FAMINE THREATENED

Yesterday's Baltimore *Sun* said that the steamer Endeavor reached Kent Island with the iceboat on Thursday.

The population of Kent Island had been cut off completely from communication with the outside world for seven days and was threatened with famine. In all the island there was only 100 pounds of meat for sale and provisions were fast being exhausted when relief came.

The Endeavor carried between two and three tons of meat and three carloads of general provisions. She encountered great difficulty in getting to her wharf and the trip was of a charater which her 50 passengers will not soon forget.

The situation at the island was assuming a serious aspect, as only 100 pounds of meat was divided between the 36 storekeepers who supply a population of 700. Had the steamer not reached there it would probably have gone hard with the geese which are held over for breeding purposes in the spring. There are some hogs on the island but no beef cattle, and only milch cows. Poultry would have been at a premium in a few days.

BODY IMBEDED IN ICE.

Man Knocked Overboard in November Found on the Shore.

Frederick A. Poole, while skating on Worton Creek noticed a suspicious looking object frozen in the ice on the shore of the Green Point farm, tenanted by Mr. Ruby Rasin. An investigation disclosed the body of a man frozen in a solid mass of ice. Notice was at once given to Officer Charles L. Gill, who notified Coroner Enoch Roland. On Monday morning in the midst of the blinding snow storm, the coroner, accompanied by Dr. W. Frank Hines and Mr. Gill, went to Green Point and held an inquest.

The face of the unfortunate man had disappeared. The clothing was frozen to the body, rendering it necessary to literally cut them off to make an examination. Dr. Hines found a cut on the top of the head but not of a character to arouse suspicion of foul play. On the contrary there were evidences of drowning and the verdict of the jury was in conformity with this opinion of the investigating physician.

As reported in the TRANSCRIPT at the time, a colored boatman was accidentally knocked from his vesssl, which had sought harbor in Worton creek, last November, and his body had never been found. The body discovered in the ice on Sunday answered the description of the man drowned last fall and it is supposed that the body is that of the unfortunate sailor.

The only articles found on the body were two lampwickes wrapped in a piece of paper, and what was supposed to be an old picture wrapped in some tough covering.

The jury was composed as follows: Thomas S. Parsons, B. F. Davis, Frederick A. Poole, S. W. Walker, R. H. Holden, Walter Taylor, Thomas Gore, A. W. Dill, W. E Sutton, T. B. Howard, and J. M. Coleman.

A MINISTER SURPRISED.

Snow Did not Deter the Congregation of St. James From Their Pleasant Mission.

The snow storm of Monday and the drifting on Monday night did not deter the congregation of St. James church from giving their pastor, Rev. E C. Makosky, a genuine surprise and most liberal donation. The surprising party commenced to arrive at the parsonage at about 6.30 o'clock and at about 7.15 the pastor's pleasant home was abuz and aglow with animation and good cheer. Mr. Makosky and his estimable wife were soon entirely reconciled to the delightful invasion and the occasion was one of unmixed pleasure.

Turkeys, hams, chickens, groceries and provisions fairly poured into the parsonage larder. Linens and dainties were also in evidence.

Ice cream and cake were served during the evening, which, with vocal and instrumental music and social intercourse formed a menu such as few ministers are privileged to enjoy many times in a long life.

After a general exchange of good wishes the guests went out into the driving snow and chilling drifts, but all reached home safely and without any serious accident. Mine host, the country parson, though accustomed to much that is delightful and inspiring in his ministerial work, declared the occasion to be one of the most enjoyable of his life.

AT THE COURT HOUSE.

Just What is Going on Within the County Capital.

Messrs. F. H. Harper and Thomas Hudson, members of the Orphan's Court, were present on Tuesday and transacted some business. Mr. Jacobs did not make the long trip through the drifted and drifting snow. Mr. Harper came down in a carriage and brought Mrs. Philip Clark with him. He had jokingly said the evening before that he might throw her in a snowbank and sure enough, on the way to Chestertown the occupants of the carriage were dumped out in the snow and Mrs. Clark was compelled to walk about two hundred yards in snow nearly waist deep.

Mr. Hudson said that he had a rough trip of it. He was forced into fields or wherever he could get to escape heavy drifts of snow.

Mr. Willard Melvin acted as deputy register in the place of Deputy William H. Ford, who though greatly improved is still unable to be at his post of duty.

THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

There was no quorum present in the county commissioners' board, and no official meeting was held. Messrs. Hudson and Rasin were the two members present.

The road supervisors already named are:

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Jos. Reed—Road from public landing on Fairlee creek to Tolchester Beach.

H. P. Jones—Road from St. Paul's Church to Salem Church.

Raymond Voshell—Road from St. Paul's Church, by way of Hynson's Chapel, to Jump's corner, to Nicholson's station road.

Pearson Jewell—Road from Swan creek bridge to mouth of Tolchester lane.

Richard Bryan—Road from Tolchester lane to McLane's corner.

W. G. Smyth—Road from Jump's corner to Public Landing lane; also roads in Fairlee village; also road through Georgetown and road from Oak Grove school house to junction of road at corner of Charles Skirven's farm.

TOLCHESTER LEADS.

Great Racing Events For the Kent and Queen Anne Fair.

A meeting of representatives of the race track association near Baltimore was held last week at the Maryland Hotel, to arrange for the stake races to be given at the fall meetings of tracks in the Maryland and Virginia Circuit. Mr. John Waters, of Pimlico, was made chairman.

Tolchester, Timonium, Electric Park, Pimlico, Gentlemen's Driving Park and Prospect Park were the tracks which gave stake races last year and each made a success of them. In last year's stakes the following were the tracks which gave races for stakes of $1,000 each: Tolchester, Prospect Park, Gentlemen's Driving Park, Electric Park and Pimlico. Timonium gave four stake races of $500 each.

The classes for these stakes were 2.18 and 2.30 pacing, 2.20 and 2.35 trotting. The Timonium track has agreed to join the others and give the four stakes of $1,000 each, and thus keep in line with the other local associations.

GOOD FOR TOLCHESTER.

Tolchester went $1,000 better and agreed through its representative, Col. Robert Hough, to give these four stakes and an additional $1,000 stake for the 2.14 pacers.

While the stakes were last year for the 2.18 and 2.20 pacers, 2.20 and 2.35 trotters, it was decided to change the 2.35 stake to a 2.30 stake.

The conditions are to be the same as in 1901. Entries are to close April 1 and horses to be named June 1. Owners are permitted to enter more than one horse, but must pay for all entries up to the time they decide to drop a horse. This will give four courses giving four stakes of $1,000 each, and one, Tolchester, giving five stakes of $1,000 each.

It will be seen that Tolchester leads the 2.14 events. This was very necessary with Bedworth, Reddie Russell and Free Silver to be reckoned with. The fast little mare Numa, is still in the 2.18. Quite a number of gentlemen having fast horses are anxious to see an expert driver, trainer and balancer settle in the county. Such a man should find work, as fine drivers are greatly in demand.

A "SOCK SOCIAL."

Fun And Frolic at Mr. Anthony's Pleasant Home.

The "Sock Social" held at the home of Mr. James T. Anthony, in Queen Anne, on Wednesday night for the benefit of Union church, was socially and financially a splendid success. Chestertown was largely represented, and incidentally, the merry party which trouped across Chester bridge enjoyed a pleasant rough-and ready sleigh ride in Mr. Anthony's big sleigh drawn by two mules.

The bridge was bare of snow so the "Sock socialists" from town walked to the Queen Anne side and took slow train over the snowdrifts for the scene of action. Each sock was supposed to contain as many pennies as the donor was years old, with the result that there were some of the youngest old girls ever seen in Kent or Queen Anne counties. present. However, the contributions were splendidly generous.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony, assisted by their daughter, Miss Grace, extended a splendid hospitality and the occasion was one characterized by the fullest measure of pleasure. Ice cream, cake, vocal and instrumental music and other social pleasures completed the evening's program.

Among others present were; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stewart, Mr. and Mrs C. H. Jefferson, Capt. and Mrs. P. C. Jester, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Story, Mr. and Mrs. Henry smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Dewberry, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hazel, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jefferson, Mrs. T. S. Bordley, Mrs. M. A. Toulson, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Weller, Mrs. Leager, Mrs. Thawley and Mr. and Mrs. James Brice; Misses Anna Jester, Delma and Katie Stewart, Laura and Sallie Tucker, Miss Rochester, Nannie Armstrong, Jennie Eaton, Addie and Clara Thawley, Mabel Jefferson, Miss Fields, Evelyn Taylor, Veva Hendrickson, B. Jackson, Miss Ford, Florence Sheppard, Anna Bryan, Anna G. and Sue Lambert, Bertie Burchinal, Hattie and Cora Reed, Lizzie Snitcher, May and Bessie Cannon Messrs. Harry Tucker, J. Leager, John Mc. Rochester, Kennard Leverage, W.H Fields, Carroll Leverage, Howard Story John Leager, James Weller, Kent Bowers, Hope Copper, G. W. Hendrickson, Harry Massey, Elwood Morris, W. A Bell, Edgar Hurlock, Charles Baxter, Clements Jester, Simeon Jester, A. S. Walls, W. M. Carmine, Littleton Crew, Norman Jefferson, H. F. Jefferson, Henry Brown, J. H. Sides, Owen Crow, E. C. Loud, D. B. Ford, Lieut. W. Spear Brownley, Harry Barnett, M. W. Thomas, Kemp Bordley, Thomas Eliason, W. B. Usilton, Jr., Edgar Hurlock, George McWhorter, Luther Weller and others.

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