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**The Second National Bank**

**of Chestertown, Md.**

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NOTICE.

The undersigned, a graduate of Washington College, of the class of 1900 of the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania, announces his removal from Philadelphia to Chestertown where he will engage in the practice of law, having passed the Maryland State Bar Examination.

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## Notice to Delinquents.

Notice is hereby given that State and County taxes were due and payable before January 1, 1905. All taxes unpaid before that time are subject to interest from September 1, 1904.

j14-3t WALTER H. HADDAWAY, Treas.


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## Notice to Traveling Public.

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A. C. LOUD,
B. C. DUDLEY,
HARRY DAVIS,
L. C. AYRES,
P. B. RASIN.

C. L. DODD, Clerk. j14-tf.

LEWIN W. WICKES, att'y.

## ORDER NISI.

Edward Peacock,
vs.
Charles Peacock, et al,

*In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.*

No. 1533.

ORDERED, this 20th day of January, 1905, by the Circuit Court for Kent county in Equity that the sale of the Real Estate and property mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by Lewin W. Wickes, trustee, appointed by a decree of this court to make said sale be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 24th day of March, next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 24th day of February next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $3675.00.

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

True Copy—Test:
j21-4t. JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

HOPE H. BARROLL, Att'y.

## ORDER NISI.

Hope H. Barroll, Assignee of the Second National Bank of Chestertown, Md.,
vs.
William H. Baxter.

*In the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity.*

No. 1515.

ORDERED, this 3rd day of Jnnuary, 1905, by the Circuit Court for Kent county in Equity, for the sale of the mortgaged real estate of Wm. H. Baxter, deceased, made and reported by Hope H. Barroll, attorney, trustee and assignee under power of sale in mortgage from Wm. H. Baxter to William Foley, and by successive assignments assigned to Hope H. Barroll, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 13th day of March, next:—provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county once in each of three successive weeks before the 9th day of February next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $725.00.

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk,
True copy—test:
j7-4t. JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

HOPE H, BARROLL, Att'y.

## ORDER NISI.

J. Evan Thomas
vs.
Lawrence A. Thomas.

*In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.*

No. 1004.

ORDERED this 15th day of December, 1904, by the Circuit Court for Kent county in Equity, that the sale of the Real Estate mentioned in the above entitled proceedings made and reported by Hope H. Barroll, trustee, under a decree of this court to make said sale be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 20th day of Februasy, next: provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 20th day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $300.00.

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.


**The Misses Reed**

REDUCTION IN

**HATS, MILLINERY, etc.**

We are making a SPECIAL REDUCTION in the price of our large line of Hats, Millinery, etc., for the holiday trade.

We have some rare bargains in our store for the Christmas trade, and we advise our friends and patrons to call early before they are gone.

THE MISSES REED,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

WM. C. SUTTON,

**SANITARY PLUMBING**

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Chestertown, Md.


# IN THE GOOD OLD WINTER TIME

## We Are Shut in From Outside World by Snow Banks and Ice Fields.

### ALL TRAFFIC IS SUSPENDED FOR A WEEK.

### No Mails for Six Days—Business at a Standstill Generally—Comparison of Two Blizzards.

If one were suddenly cast upon a lonely island without the privileges of communicating with any one, how do you think he would feel? Just exactly like we on the lonely peninsula of the Eastern Shore in time of a blizzard. Shut in for one whole week from the outside world, with all communication cut off, except by the unspeakable blessings of the telephone and telegraph, we have simply been left to ourselves, with plenty of time to become so familiar with ourselves as to want to seek the company of some one else, or to long for news from the outside world. It is not a pleasant situation by any means, and it is no wonder that strenuous efforts have been made to clear the tracks, break the way to light and be free. But the good people of Chestertown and Kent county have the abilty to adapt themselves to circumstances and to make the best of their evironment, and though we have been shut in from the outside world, we have enjoyed our socials, receptions, teas, card parties, etc., and have simply patiently waited for the coming of news from a distance.

SITUATION SINCE LAST ISSUE.

In our last issue we endeavored to give a general account of the storm. What has happened since is sufficient to fill a book, and yet we are only able by reason of limited space to give a few important outlines.

Opinions differ as to the depth of the snow that has fallen during the storm. Some say seventeen inches on the level, others 12 inches. Eight inches more snow fell from Sunday night to Monday noon, but this did not impede travel; it filled the bare places in the fields and roads, and made sleighing excellent in the county.

Few people were able to reach Chestertown from Wednesday evening to Monday afternoon, but on Tuesday quite a number of teams and sleighs reached here from all parts of the county except from Millington and places up the county.

The first papers to reach Chestertown were a few copies each of the Baltimore Sun, American and Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, which were brought from Church Hill by Mr. George McWhorter's liverymen on Monday. They sold like hot cakes.

In many places in the county highways snow is banked to the depth of twelve and fifteen feet. Many farmers living adjoining have joined forces and cut their way out, but at present the only means of reaching Chestertown is over wheatfields and through lanes. In many instances it has required three hours for people living a distance of only eight miles from town to make the trip.

As noted elsewhare the rural route carriers have made efforts every day to cover their routes. They were able to cover the entire distances by Saturday.

SITUATION ON RAILROAD

The situation on the railroad has been more serious than any one not actively engaged in the work of clearing away the tracks can imagine. For six full days and nights large forces of men have been at work with snow plows, engines, picks and shovels clearing the tracks, and after the most desperate efforts, and in some instances with serious injury to the men at work, the blockade was lifted on Tuesday at 5.30 o'clock p. m. Section boss B. T. Rust, and the entire crew of the Kent train had been at work from the Chestertown end since Wednesday and were able to proceed only as far as a mile below Kennedyville. Two engines and a force of men were at work until Sunday when orders were received to suspend operations for the time. A force of 200 men under direction of Mr. J. A. Burchinal, Supt. of a portion of the Delaware road, with three engines and snow plow were at work from the Massey end. The snow plow was upset, and several of the engines became disabled, and work was suspended with these late Sunday evening. A force of 300 men was put to work with shovels to dig out the snow that had became solidly packed in the track, and late Tuesday afternoon the work of opening the road was accomplished. Several slight injuries are reported, one of the workmen having had his hand injured by the overturning of the snow plow, and many of them were frost bitten by the bitting cold. Fireman Harvey Boggs has been suffering considerably from frost bites as have also several other trainmen. All the men deserve the greatest credit for their loyalty to the interests of the railroad and public, and no one knows how many hardships they have had to indure during the terrible seige.

The train reached Chestertown Tuesday evening abont 9.45 o'clock, bringing enough mail to fill a good size room, and express packages by the hundreds. Postmaster Thomas and his deputy, Mr. Davis was compelled .o make four trips in his mail wagon to the station. Mr. Wm. H. Lambert, began Tuesday night at 10 o'clock to distribute the mail and by ten o'clock the next morning the call window was open and the mail was being delivered. It is estimated that 4000 letters and 30 large sacks of papers went out in the first mail on Wednesday morning.

Mail Agent, F. M. Hummer had his hands full on the first trip out on Wednesday morning assorting about 172 sacks of belated mail matter. Among them being Saturday's issues of the TRANSCRIPT, Kent News and Peninsula Methodist. He did the work on time and brought the return mails without any mishap.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Rasin, of near Still Pond, it is said served 93 meals from Saturday evening to Sunday afternoon, and Conductor Welch and his large force of workmen are very grateful to these generous people for their splendid accommodation and kindness.

The postmaster and his deputy had so many questions put to them by inquirers for mail, that they were driven to posting notices of the developments on the Kent road.

Several salesmen, who had been caught in the storm drove to Price's station on Tuesday morning to catch the Queen Anne's train. They made the effort on Monday on horseback but all save one returned to their hotels here. The fellow who succeeded in reaching the station was so anxious to see his wife and child who live in Salisbury that he was willing to ride through a mountain of snow rather than miss that train. He made it all right.

Navigation on Chester river and other rivers touching the county has been closed since last Wednesday week, the Emma A. Ford having made her last trip to Baltimore on that day.

The lowest the thermometer has reached during the cold wave was 6 degrees below zero on Tuesday morning.

The first mail to reach Chestertown came in over the rural routes on Saturday from Rock Hall, Lankford and Pomona.

Among those caught away from home during the blizzard besides those mentioned elsewhere were Messrs. Wm. A. Smith, David B. Ford, and Mr. George Rouse. They reached Chestertown on Tuesday.

**Comparison of Two Blizzards.**

Comparisons are always interesting, and as there has not been much else to talk about since last Wednesday evening except the blizzard of 1905, due to the absence of all communication with the outside world, it may be interesting to our readers to give a few opinions ventured by several of our experienced citizens concerning the blizzard of 1905 and the one of 1899. All are agreed that the coal dealers are the happiest-looking people in Chestertown. They wear the "smile that won't come off," for it makes no difference how cold it is they can sell their coal. About the only time when the coal dealer looks sad is when the mercury is 102 degrees in the shade and the lemonade stand and soda water fountains are having their innings. This same opinion prevailed in the blizzard of 1899, and it is the prevailing opinion to-day. The next happiest-looking people, perhaps, are the plumbers. In the last blizzard the water mains and water pipes bursted, and so they did this time, and the plumbers were happy.

"But speaking of cold weather," said a friend of ours the other day, "this blizzard is nothing to compare to the one of 1899. Why, man, the thermometor got so far below zero that it had to becken for help, and I remember that one night after I came in from working on the railroad helping to dig the Kent train out of that mountain up there in Wickes' cut, I hung my wet gloves on an iron rod over the stove in the kitchen, thinking that they would be dried out by morning. When I went to get them gloves in the morning they were froze stiff." "I don't doubt it in the least," said one of his listeners. "I went down to my kitchen the same morning and on the plate-rest of the range there sat a big rat. A glowing fire was burning in the stove, and I leaned over the rat to see if he was alive. He didn't budge. I went to the wood box and got a chunk of wood and came back, looked at the rat, and then he looked up at me. He seemed to be suffering with the cold there on the stove so badly that I killed him with my chunk of wood. I tell you it was a cold night." "But still," said the first speaker, "I don't think there was as much snow fell in that blizzard as it did in the last." "Why, man, yes there was. In some places in the last blizzard the snow was twenty feet deep. If you don't believe me ask John Welch and Horace Reed. They know all about it." "Well," said the other, "I heard John Welch say the other night that they had turned over one engine, smashed a snow plow and disabled two other engines in butting up against snow banks the other day, and I know they didn't do anything like that in the last blizzard." "No, I don't believe they did," said the first speaker, "and to tell you the truth, it is hard to tell which was the worst, the blizzard of '99 or this one." "Well, I believe it was a trifle colder in '99 because the thermometer got down to 9 degrees below several days then, and the lowest it has gone this time was 6 degrees below on Tuesday morning of this week." "But, say, you didn't hear of any fellows being caught away from home seeing their best girls, did you, in the blizzard of '99? Well, it happened this time, and the coal oil man was caught at Massey and couldn't get home." "You don't say," said the other fellow. "Well, I guess them fellows what was caught away from home didn't care how long the blockup lasted. I know I wouldn't if I had been in their places." "But how would you like to be returning from your wedding trip and get stuck in a snow bank, so as that your wife would have to ride horseback to Chestertown from somewhere way over in Queen Anne's, like they did in the blizzard of '99? Be blest if I would care to have such an endin' to my wedding trip as that, now." "But hold up, young fellow, you are not married yet, and you don't know what may happen when you start out on your weddin' tour. That was in the winter of 1900." "Well, what's the difference? Look at that young fellow out there in Worton last week during the blizzard. Just see under what difficulties he labored to get married. Why, it was a heap sight worse than them people ridin' bareback from Queen Anne's in '99. That fellow had his wife and this fellow out in Worton was trying to get his, and in this respect the blizzard of 1905 was worse than in '99." "But seriously speaking," said one of the party, "in the blizzard of '99 no mails reached Chestertown from the outside for six days, and it has been the same case this time. Navigation was closed just as it has been this time, and the highways were blocked to the same extent. There was a great deal of suffering from the cold among the poor of the county in the last blizzard, but no cases of extreme suffering have been reported thus far." Upon one thing all are agreed, and that is that both blizzars were about as severe as we care to experience, and the next time the weather man gets ready to vent his spleen, it is to be hoped that he will go where blizzards and blockades are far more appreciated than they are in Kent. We don't object to a good sleighing snow, but too much of a good thing is an elegant sufficiency, thank you.

TRAIN BLOCKED AGAIN THURSDAY.

On the return trip on Thursday evening the Kent train got stuck in a heavy bank between Lynch's and Worton at 7.30 o'clock, and had to telegraph to Clayton for help. Two engines and snow plow reached the bank at four o'clock yesterday morning and released the train in time for it to reach Chestertown at six o'clock with the mail. Quite a number of passengers were on board. Among them were Mr. C. H. Jefferson, wife and daughter, returning from a reception at Mr. Baxter's, near Lambson, Miss Gertie Copper, Miss Ada Barnett, Messrs. Jos. N. Wheatley, Raymond Jones and several others. Messrs. Wheatley and Jones left the train at 8.30 o'clock, and started to walk to Chestertown. They got as far as Worton Station, and Mr. Wheatley gave up the ghost. They waited for the train at Worton. Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson had a large basket of roast turkey, chicken salad, ham, Maryland biscuit, etc., which Mr. Baxter had fixed up for their home coming, and when they saw that they were to spend the night on the train they opened their basket, made a genuine Eastern shore spread, and invited all the guests to partake of a fine supper. Joe and Ray said it was fine, and made things decidely homelike. The crew of the train looked after the comfort of the guests in every particular, and every one was made as comfortable as possible. The train went out on schedule time yesterday morning.

## THE JINGLE OF THE SLEIGH BELLS.

### High Street the Scene of Another Gay Carnival During the Week—Fast Racers—Stylish Double Teams—Exciting Speed Contests.

It doesn't make any difference how high the snow may be piled in the roadways in the county, the people of the town and those who can get here from the country and Queen Anne's have enjoyed a splendid carnival during the week. There has scarcely been finer sleighing on Main street than the recent snows have afforded, and the footing has been fine for the fast steppers. Several of the latter have been very much missed, on account of their inability to get to town, and there have not been as many fast races as heretofore. But still there has been enough during every afternoon to furnish excellent amusement for the spectators along the sidewalks and as usual they have been crowded. Among the many enjoying the sport were Harry Jefferson, Albert Story, Frank and Charles Baxter, Clements Jester, George Walbert, George Rash, John Gale, Earle Nicholson, Ralph Barnett, Fred G. Usilton, Capt. W. C. A. Thompson, Wm. Duyer, Jos. Watson, G. W. Hatcherson, Dr. W. Frank Hines, Robert G. Nicholson, Wm. R. Clough, George Brice, Wilbur W. Hubbard, Wm. McKee, George and Percy Hendrickson, Wilbur Eliason, Jr., Thomas Eliason, George Hudson, Thomas Davis, Jesse H. Usilton, Wm. A. Bell, Capt. Cecil R. Atkinson, Mr. R. F. Parks, Wilbur W. Thomas, Hope H. Barroll, Marion DeK. Smith, Walter Bramble, Wm. T. H. Whiteley, Lusby Nicholson, Harry Nichols, William A. Carroll, John C. Davis, and wife, Josiah Massey, Rumsey Anthony, Edward P. Beck, James G. Beck, Samuel Hicks, Samuel Lee, Charles Nicholson, Geo. D. Lofland, Harry and Bob McWhorter, Mrs. Clifton L. Jarrell, Mrs. Jos. A Wickes, Mrs. Frank Plummer, Mrs. T. W. Eliason and daughter, Miss Irma, the Misses Massey, Miss Ethel Bacchus, and the following sylish double teams, Hiram M. Brown, J. E. Ferguson, Romie Skirven, Charles J. Reiche, S. G. Lee and Robert Brown.

## YOUNG MAN SHOT.

### While Playing With a Pistol it is Discharged and Inflicts a Serious Wound.

Walter Holsten son of Mr. Robert Holsten, of Hanesville, was seriously wounded by the accidental discharge of a pistol on Friday night. Mr. Holsten was sitting in his sitting room with the pistol on his lap and a companion playfully endeavored to take it from him. In his efforts to retain the pistol, it was discharged, the ball entering the groin and imbedding itself in his right side. Dr. J. H. Hessey of Hanesville, was quickly summoned and probed for the ball but has been unable to locate it. The young man is resting comfortably and while the wound is painful, his physican does not fear any fatal results, unless serious complications develop.

## WEDDING BELLS.

MCWHORTER—REED.

A quiet but very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Georgia Reed, on Park Row, Chestertown, on Wednesday at high noon, when her daughter, Harriet Ella, became the bride of George W. McWhorter. The pretty home was darkened and beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and prettily shaded candles. Promptly at the appointed hour, to the strains of Mendelsshons wedding march, skilfully rendered by Miss Nellie McWhorter, sister of the groom, the bride entered the parlor on the arm of her brother, Mr. Horace Reed, by whom she was given away. She was attired in a beautiful gown of white crepe and chiffon over taffeta, and carried a large bunch of ferns. She was met amid a bower of ferns and flowers by the groom and his best man, Mr. Fred G. Usilton, who wore the conventional black with white kid gloves. Here in the presence of the immediate families and a few intimate friends the ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. W. L. White, pastor of the M. E. Church. Immediately following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. McWhorter left on the afternoon train for a short wedding trip. The bride's going away gown was black velvet, with hat and gloves to match. She wore a handsome traveling coat. They were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents. Congratulations.

LOLLER—KELLEY.

Mr. Arthur Loller and Miss Katie Kelley two popular young people of Worton were married last Thursday at the home of the bride's father, Melitota. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Sheridan, pastor of St. James M. P. Church. They were to to have been married on Wednesday but the storm prevented. Mr. Loller, however with the assistance of six men went to the parsonage on Thursday secured the preacher, and the ceremony was performed in the presence of only a few of the intimate friends of the happy couple.

### Status of Constable Murder Case.

Since our last issue the Baltimore city detectives have been zealously at work on the clues they have heretofore made public and they have succeded in weaving a chain of evidence that undoubtedly seriously connects John Simpers, now in the penitentiary serving an eight year sentence for horse stealing, with the murder. The pawn ticket that has established the whereabouts of the watch has been found among the personal effects of Simpers, and it is thought that this clue is sufficient of itself to establish Simpers' connection with the murder. The handkerchief that played such a conspicuous part in the murder of Mr. Constable has also been found in Simpers' room in the boarding house in Philadelphia. But the detectives are at work upon other clues, and by the time they are through with the case, will be able to lay pretty grave charges against Simpers. The detectives deserve the greatest credit for the splendid manner in which they have handled the case. Since the day of the murder they have had clues connecting Simpers with the crime, but they have waited until now to make know the full particulars. Should they fasten the crime upon the suspect, he will be taken to Elkton for trial. We are informed that a greater crime always take precedence, and notwithstanding the fact that Simpers is now serving an eight year sentence in the penitentiary for horse stealing, he can be taken forthwith to Elkton for trial for murder.

### Condition of Navigation.

Navigation was never so completely blocked as now. Baltimore papers state that it is dangerous for any kind of vessel to leave the harbor unless convoyed by ice tugs. None of the Eastern Shore boats are running with the possible exception of the Queen Caroline to Love Point. Bay captain's report the storm of Wednesday week as being the worst ever encountered on the bay. The captain of the steamer Annapolis, of the Tolchester Company, reports that in making the trip from Annapolis to Baltimore on that day it was difficult to see more than from 50 to 100 yards in front of his vessel, and he had the greatest difficulty in locating the channel markings. The Susquehanna river is choked from source to mouth with ice many inches in thickness and the people of Port Deposit are apprehensive of a great flood when the thaw comes. The last boat to leave Kent county landings was the Gratitude out from Rock Hall Thursday one week ago. Present indications are that the blockade will continue for sometime, and as a result all kinds of shipping are paralyzed.

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