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Feb. 13, 1900 .....$197,530.44
Feb. 25, 1902,.....$293,035.97
Jan. 22, 1904.....$430,585.32
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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.

Next Wednesday, February 22d, being a legal holiday, the SECOND NATIONAL BANK of Chestertown, Md., will be closed. Paper maturing on that day can be attended to THURSDAY, February 23d. The Board of Directors will meet THURSDAY, February 23rd.

1t. W. B. COPPER, Cashier.

Washington's Birthday Celebration,

STAM'S HALL,

WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 22d,

7.30 o'clock, under auspices of Washington Camp No. 34, P. O. S. of A. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. C. E. REDEKR, of Odenton, and Rev. F. S. CAIN, of Warwick. Public cordially invited. No charge for admission. 1t.

CHESTERTOWN ATHLETIC CLUB.

As we have organized a club of what we call good baseball players, we take this method of making it known to the public, and we feel sure that the people of Chestertown will appreciate such a team, but if not they certainly will before the season is over. Our hustling young captain, John E. Barnes, and manager Maxwell Blakeney, will make things warm for their fellow players. Look out for us. C. A. C.

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Auditor's Notice.

Gideon Frank Clark, et al,
vs.
Mary A. Clark Howard, et al.

No. 1458.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

THE creditors of John Z. Clark, late of Kent county, deceased, are hereby notified to file their claims, with the vouchers thereof, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county, Maryland, on or before the 24th day of April, 1906.

By order of Court.
LEWIN W. WICKES,
Feb. 18, 1905—4t. Auditor.

A COMEDIETTA!

Crew's Hall, February 22,

8.15 P. M.

Local talent of Betterton presents

"TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING."

Adults, 25c, Children, 15c.

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.

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By order of Commissioners,
A. C. LOUD,
B. C. DUDLEY,
HARRY DAVIS,
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C. L. DODD, Clerk. j14-tf.

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Some Good Chickens,

and invite you to come and see them. They were hatched in the "CYPHERS" INCUBATOR, for which I am agent in Kent county. Circulars free for the asking. Write

Chas. G. Watts,

f5-3mo STILL POND, MD.

OBITUARY.

ANNE AUGUSTA ALDRIDGE.

The funeral services of Anne Augusta, the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Aldridge, were held on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, and, oh! what a dreary day to lay a loved one in the ground. But still, He who bringeth death rules the tempest, and so amid the blinding snow and raging wind we laid our loved one down to sleep until the rose shall bloom again in the garden of the immortals. The services were conducted by the beloved pastor of the deceased, Rev. D. L. Greenfield, and during the services Miss Addie Hurlock, one of Augusta's most intimate friends, sang very tenderly and touchingly her favorite hymn, "Abide with me, fast falls the eventide." Gathered around her casket in the parlor were twenty of her most intimate girl friends, and these dear girls, who had been so friendly with the deceased during the joyous hours of her life, acted as honorary pall bearers, preceded the hearse to the grave, and dropped their tears of sweetest love upon the casket of their departed friend. They were: Misses Eloise Ringgold, Mary Hines, Ethel Bacchus, Nellie Nicholson, Avis Dodd, Anna Wroth, Dovie Connelly, Eva Beauchamp, Bessie Nicols, Louisa Urie, Bessie Westcott, Emma France, Rose Vickers, Mary Whaland, Edith Harley, Reba Strong, Pearl Woodall, Eunice Lambert, Susie Dunbracco and Grace Brooks. The floral tributes, those tokens of love and sympathy which serve so well to sweeten the cup of sorrow, were profuse and beautiful. Among them were, carnations and lilies from the Junior and Senior C. E. Society of Christ M. P. Church, of which the deceased was a member; pink carnations and asparagus ferns from her Sunday school teacher, Mrs. J. H. Thompson; white carnations and ferns, from her classmate and friend, Miss Nellie Nicholson; a beautiful tribute of white carnations, hyacinths and ferns from the 9th grade of the Chestertown Public School, of which Augusta was a member, and her esteemed teacher, Prof. L. J. Smyth; carnations and ferns from Mrs. Richard D. Hynson; American beauty roses, from Mrs. Wm. J. Vannort and Mr. Frank Kroh, of Baltimore; lilies from Miss Louisa Urie, Mrs. George D. Lofland and Mrs. Edward Hudson; a beautiful pillow of roses, carnations and tulips from Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bacchus and children; wreath of carnations and evergreens from Rev. J. S. and Thomas D. Bowers; carnations from Miss Mary Davis, Miss Marian J. Lusby, J. Waters Russell, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ferguson, Miss Mary Hines, Miss Emma France, Dr. H. G., Frank and J. Raymond Simpers Mrs. D. B. McMenamin and Mrs. Alwyn M. Culp; a beautiful tribute of white carnations and asparagus ferns from her boy friends, and pale pink carnations and ferns from Mr. and Mrs. James W. Chapman, of Baltimore. The pall bearers were: Messrs. Harry Nicols, J. Raymond Simpers, Howard Dodd, J. Waters Russell, Eben F. Perkins and Clinton W. Wroth. Undertaker John N. Dodd had charge of the funeral arrangements and was assisted by Undertaker J. E. Ferguson.

The death of Augusta is particularly sad, but hard as is the blow to to her family and loved ones, yet there is the sweet consolation that her young life will not be without its holy influence, and that she is but another link in the chain that binds her loved ones on earth to those in heaven. Her life was one of sunshine and joy in the home, as well as among a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and her death was as serene and peaceful as the passing of a gentle zephyr. Just before she passed away she took her mother's hand in hers and said, "Mama, I have tried to be a good girl; I know I have made mistakes, but I could not help it; I have tried to be good." In all her suffering there was not the slightest murmur, and she passed to the great beyond leaving behind her the fragrance of a beautiful life and the hope of a happy union in that home where there are no tears and where all sorrow shall pass away. The cloud rests heavily over the darkened home today, but it has its silver lining, and though the days that are to come will be dark and dreary without the smile and joy of a sweet and pure life, yet behind it all the sun is still shining and we shall all meet again some sweet day, bye and bye. Among those who attended the funeral from a distance besides the immediate relatives was Mr. Stewart Gisrael, son of Mr. William Gisrael, of Baltimore, Supt. of Summit Grove Camp ground, where Augusta attended camp last summer and took much interest in the revival services. Through the influence of Augusta and several of her girl friends in Baltimore Mr. Gisrael became identified with the church, and he is now preparing himself for the ministry at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. Letters of condolence have been received almost daily from the friends of the family attesting the high esteem in which the deceased was held by all who knew her.

JOHN J. ROEDER.

Mr. John J. Roeder, a well-known and popular citizen of Kent county, died suddenly last Saturday morning at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Alexander Mair, Betterton. The deceased was stricken with heart failure while walking about the yard and died before assistance could reach him. He was 71 years of age and leaves a widow and five children, viz: Mr. Thos. L. Roeder, of Church Hill; Mrs. Alexander Mair, of Betterton; Mrs. W. Copper, Mrs. Daniel Jones and Mrs. Millard Maslin. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mair. Interment was made in Still Pond cemetery. Undertaker Wm. H. Krusen had charge of the funeral arrangements. The pall-bearers were: Alex. Mair, T. L. Roeder, R. T. Turner, Wm. Copper, Tilghman Shafer and James T. Crew.

PRESTON FOWLER.

Preston Fowler, son of the late John W. Fowler, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Emma Fowler, in Flatland's yesterday morning of diphtheria, aged 17 years. The deceased was a young man of excellent character and was very popular with all who knew him. His death is particularly sad, having been cut down in the full bloom of youth, and at a time when his lifework was just blooming into its greatest usefulness. The family of the deceased has been sorely afflicted recently, this death being the fourth to occur within a month. They have the sympathy of the entire community. The interment will take place in Chester cemetery to-day. Undertaker, John N. Dodd.

MARY EMMA TRUITT.

Mary Emma, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Truitt, died at the home of its grandmother, Mrs. Emma Fowler, in Flatland, last Saturday of diphtheria, aged about three months. Interment was made in Chester cemetery on Sunday afternoon. Undertaker John N. Dodd had charge of the funeral arrangements.

THE KENT TRAIN HAS ANOTHER MISHAP.

Three Engines are Derailed at Massey and Traffic is Suspended for Several Trips. No Mails for Two Days.

The heavy rain of Sunday turned to snow on Monday morning and by the afternoon a heavy snowstorm was raging and the wind was blowing with almost hurricane force. The Kent train left on time on Monday afternoon and proceeded as far as near Masseys station when the engine attached to the Kent train went to the assistance of a freight train that had gotten stuck. This train got stuck also, and when the Queen Anne's train reached Massey the engine went to the assistance of the blocked engine and train, and with a great puff and blow the Queen Anne's engine went to the task of relief. She made one almighty push and off the track went all three engines. This settled the business for the night, as it was too cold and the wind was blowing too hard for the men to make any headway with removing the snow. Early Tuesday morning a wrecking train and forty men were sent to the relief of the engines but owing to heavy ice, snow, etc., the train could not get through until Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock when she brought Monday Tuesday and Wednesday's mails. It is to be hoped that this is the last time that the Kent train will suffer from the effects of snow storms. The crew of the train has experienced many hardships this winter in battling with the snow, and some of them have been laid up with pneumonia or severe colds. All of them deserve the commendation of the public for the manner in which they have labored for the interests of the traveling public.

GAME STARVING.

One of the Most Terrible Winters on Record on the Birds and Other Game Throughout the County.

Reports are reaching our office from all parts of Kent and Queen Anne's of the almost wholesale starvation of partridges and other kinds of game. This has been one of the most trying winters on game on record. Reports from sportsmen who have examined conditions state that there are no bare places whatever either in the woods or along the river shores where the birds can find any food. Not even at the trunks of large trees in the woods is there a bare place to be seen, and the partridges are all either frozen to death or starved. In some instances those farmers having a covey of birds have fed them, but we are told it is a rare thing to see a partridge anywhere, and this is unusual at the time of year when snow is on the ground. Mr. James T. Decorse, living near Fancy school house has a covey of seven birds which he has been feeding for some time near his road gate. Mr. Edward Wilkins at "The Maples" near town has 14 partridges in his barn loft which he is taking care of in a splendid manner. Mr. Henry Brown, of Quaker Neck, had a covery of 20. Four of them died, and he turned the others out just before the last heavy snow. The general belief among sportmen is that the partridges have been killed by the severity of the weather and that rabbits have suffered also. Many times since the snow fieldlarks have been seen feeding in the Chestertown public squares, and crows and buzzards have been at our very doors begging for bread. It would not be amiss for the game warden to investigate conditions in Kent county and see if there is not some way by which the birds may be saved, or if they have been killed, to provide for the restocking of the county in the early spring. Let the sportsmen look into the matter.

A Very Narrow Escape.—Jeanette, the interesting little two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Willis, made a very narrow escape from being burned very seriously at the home of her parents, near town, last week. Mrs. Willis had placed her little daughter in her crib for a nap, and left the room to go down stairs for something. She was out of the room for only a few minutes, but when she returned, the crib clothes were on fire, and the little girl was sitting in one corner of the crib calling in baby tones, "fire, fire, fire." The mother reached the scene in time to prevent a serious blaze, and the flames were extinguished without trouble. Mrs. Willis says the ignition of the crib clothes is a great mystery to her, as the crib was not near the fire and to her knowledge the child had no matches.

SOCIAL NOTES.

Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard returned her social obligations of the winter with a valentine party on Thursday evening last. The beautiful home on Washington avenue was decorated with strings of red hearts. The table in the dining room was heart shaped, decorated with red and trimmings of green smilax. On the table were colonial candlesticks and red candles with red shades, and pendant red hearts. Her ices, cakes, mints and salads were heart shaped. The gentlemen of the evening were required to write a description of their wife's wedding gown, with a prize for the best description. Prof. E. J. Clarke won the prize. The principal feature of the evening was Miss Mary Belle Cochran, a noted elocutionist, of Baltimore. The Stephens-Hurlock Orchestra furnished music for the occasion. The guests of the evening were received by Master Wilbur Hubbard, attired in costume representing cupid.

MISS COCHRAN'S RECITAL.

The principal feature of the evening at the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard on Thursday, was an interpretive recital, given by Miss Mary Belle Cochran, of Baltimore. Miss Cochran is one of the most fascinating elocutionists in the state and her power of interpretation is very marked. Her manner is charming, her expression is exceedingly pleasing, and the character of her entertaiment is such as to please the most cultured audiences. She was at her best Thursday evening and charmed Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard's guests with the following excellent programme:

1. King Robert of Sicily ..... Longfellow.
2. Saunders McGlaushin's Courtship. Bret Harte.
3. My Red Rose ..... Aldrich.
4. A Set of Turquoise ..... Stuart.
5. A Golden Wedding ..... Shakespeare.
6. King Lear .....

Act 1—Scene 3 and 4.

Lear ..... King of Britain.
Toneril ..... His Daughter.
Oswald ..... A Steward.

Mr. and Mrs. George Venable gave a delightful party and dance at their home in Rock Hall, Friday, Feb. 10, '05, but owing to the bad roads quite a number were unable to attend. The house was beautifully alluminated and the guests were received by the host and hostess. Dancing was the feature of the evening; games and amusements were indulged in until a late hour. Music was rendered by Prof. Harry Wagner, Orin Downey, and George Venable. Miss Myrtle Durding rendered music on the piano, while Miss Delma Middleton, and Messrs. William and Allie Webb sang several beautiful songs. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wamsley, Misses Bertha V. Jones, Delma Middleton, Daisy M. Ryan, Delma Sewell, Lillian Smith, Elsie Lambert, Nora Jones, Edith Ryan, Hilda Boyer, Birdie Sewell, Clara Donnelly, Lillie Lambert, Grace Satterfield, Myrtle Durding, Clara Biggs, Cecetia Walmsley, Annie Shreck; Messrs. Wm. Webb, Wm. Jones, Charlie Stevens, James Rodney: Wm. Mench, Walter Wirts, Frank Beck, Nelson Rodney, Earl Jones, Joe Davis, Russel Sewell, Ernest Hersch, Allie Webb, Herbert Urie, Wilson Jones, Frank McCloskey, Byard Sutton, Levi Downey, Herbert Walmsley, Irving Ashley, John Ryan, Beamer Lambert, Will Shreck, George Lambert, Joe Ryan, Edward Lambert, Frank Pippin. About ten o'clock refreshments were served in the large dining room and at midnight the guests departed all having spent a pleasant evening.

Among the leading social events of the season, was the beautiful Red Tea, given by Mrs. Allen Harris on Wednesday afternoon of last week. About a hundred guests responded to the numerous invitations. The spacious parlors of the old mansion were thrown open, the one serving as the dining room, being in charge of Mrs. W. W. Beck, Mrs. R. D. Hynson, Mrs. H. M. Brown, and Mrs. Wilbur Hubbard, assisted by the Misses Julia Emory, Mary Fleming, Hallie Westcott, Rebecca Eliason and Jennie Hines. A new variety of exquisite carnations shaded from deep red and pink stood in the centre of the handsomely decorated table. But the most pleasing feature was in the reception parlor, where the eye was immediately attracted by a crescent shaped embankment of palms and ferns and blooming plants, in front of which stood the receiving party, Mrs. Allen Harris, Mrs. John M. Toulson, and Miss Anna Brown. Candelabra and lamps with red shades threw a soft ruby glow over both rooms, and the almost universal remark on entering was "How lovely!" The menu consisted or chicken salad, ices, cakes, punch and several side dishes. All agreed that the evening was thoroughly enjoyable.

The spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. George B. McWhorter, of Washington Ave., was the scene of a grand reception last Thursday evening, given in honor of the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. McWhorter. The parlors were beautifully trimmed with potted plants and ferns, and the dining room, with tables burdened with the season's luxuries, were tastefully trimmed with asparagus ferns and pink carnations and the myriads of candles shedding their tiny rays presented a sight most brilliant. The company was composed only of the immediate families of the bridal couple and Rev. and Mrs. W. L. White, numbering about forty guests. A grand supper and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Dr. J. Lane Finley delightfully entertained a progressive euchre party last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Anna H. Stam, corner Queen and Cannon streets. Those present were Mesdomes C. E. Crane, Frank Hines, Hiram Brown, Chas. W. Whaland, R. H. Collins, W. W. Beck, Lewin W. Wickes, Wilbur W. Hubbard, Allen A. Harris, J. R. Micou, J. W. Cain, George B. Westcott, and John M. Toulson and the Misses Nannie Brice, Emma Beck, Louise Stam, Julia Cacy, Florence Bell and Mary Rogers. The first prize was won by Miss Julia Cacy and Mrs. Charles W. Whaland captured the booby.

FUND FOR CRUISER MARYLAND.

A movement has been started under the direction of the town commissioners for the raising of a fund to assist in the purchase of a handsome silver service for the new United States cruiser, Maryland. This is a most commendable move on the part of those interested and should receive the hearty co-operation of the people of the town. In order that every one may have the opportunity to contribute to this fund, papers have been placed at the offices of the CHESTERTOWN TRANSCRIPT, Kent News and Enterprise and at the store of Thos. S. Bordley, where the names of the contributors will be taken, together with the amounts contributed. It is to be hoped that the movement will meet with a hearty response, and that Chestertown and the county will raise a good contribution. Other towns have responded nobly and Chestertown should not be left out.

PERSONAL MENTION.

State's Attorney Wm. W. Beck has been quite sick with la grippe at his home on Front street during the week. We are glad to state that he is improving.

Mr. Arthur Pote is confined to his bed with typhoid fever at his home on West College avenue.

Mr. J. J. Sheppard, of Baltimore, has been spending a few days with his family at the home of Col. and Mrs. Wm. J. Vannort.

Mr. George Perkins, of Philadelphia, has been the guest of his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Perkins, on Front street during the week.

Mrs. B. F. Fleming has been quite sick at her home on Front street during the week with a deep cold. We are glad to state that she is improving.

Misses Emma France and Mary Whaland have been confined to their homes during the week with heavy colds and slight fevers. We are glad to state that they are improved.

Mr. Harvey Boggs, fireman on the Kent train has been quite sick at his home on Queen street during the week with pneumonia. During the recent snow blockades Mr. Boggs contracted a deep cold while battling with the snowbanks. We hope that he may soon be well.

Mr. W. R. Morrison, of Easton, spent Saturday and Sunday with his family on High street extended.

Miss F. Gertrude Smith, of Church Hill, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred S. Russell.

Mr. John Masten, of Philadelphia, has been visiting friends in town during the week.

Mr. Harry Hurlock is at home recuperating his health.

Mr. Blackiston Ball, of Kennedyville, has been the guest of his sister, Miss Bessie Ball, at her home on High street.

Mr. Arlington L. Sparks, of the firm of Sparks & Jefferson, visited Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore, last week and purchased a large stock of spring Millinery and dress goods.

Mr. Owen Boone has accepted a position as engineer with the Blind River Electric Works in Canada and left Chestertown for his new home on Friday. This plant is owned by D. S. Pindell who is arranging to inaugurate a plant in Chestertown.

Mr. Wm. G. Smyth has been quite sick at his home near Fairlee, but he is improving, we are glad to state.

Mrs. Arthur Kendall, of near St. Paul's Church has been ill for a week or more. She is being attended by Dr. F. W. Smith.

Master Conlyn Noland was given a pleasant surprise at his home, Tolchester, last Friday evening.

Mr. John W. Startt has been quite sick at his home on High street for the past week.

Mr. Samuel Vannort has been housed with a severe cold during the week. He is improved to-day we are glad to state.

Roland Reynolds, of Golts, has been the guest of his cousin, Mr. Reynolds Hodson, in Townsend, Del.

We are indebted to the young men of Galena for an invitation to a dance to be given in I. O. O. F. Hall, Galena, Md., Friday evening, Feb. 24th. The patronesses will be Mesdames F. P. Cochran, A. W. Wilson, A. W. Cochran, J. P. Cochran and A. H. Johnson.

OYSTERS VERY SCARCE.

Freeze Has Completely Tied Up Fish Business.

The ice is badly handicapping the oyster and fish business. In fact, the fish industry on the Chesapeake is at a standstill, while the price of oysters at the wharf in Baltimore, in consequence of the scarcity, has made them a luxury. But few boats have reached the city during the week, and their cargoes averaged about 200 bushels. They were sold to the highest bidders, irrespective of the market price. At the various commission houses along Light and Camden streets, Baltimore, it was reported that the few steamers arriving were bringing small quantities of raw-box or selects, and that these command abnormal prices. The bushel stock, it has been reported, was bringing from $1 to $1.35. What little barrel stock was being sold was bringing from $2.50 to $3, and these oysters are said to be of very inferior grade. The raw-box or selects are selling at from $4 to $6 and find ready buyers at that price.

"We Commission men are hoping," said one of the commission merchants this week, "that within a few days the regular schedules of the bay steamers will be resumed, and this will mean much to the oyster trade and to the oyster eating public." "The fish business," said another merchant, "is, figuratively speaking, dead for the present. There are no fish being shipped to the city from the Chesapeake. What little are handled in the city market are being sent from Florida and the Carolinas in cars. This supply is quite scarce and the stock is bringing good prices."

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