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NO OTHER

NATIONAL BANK

in Kent County but

The Second National Bank

of Chestertown, Md.

Capital. $50,000. Surplus, $25,000.

Comparative statement of Individual Deposits, as sworn to in Reports made to the Comptroller of the Currency:

Feb. 13, 1900 ..... $197,530.44
Feb. 25, 1902,..... $293,035.97
Jan. 22, 1904..... $430,585.32
Jan. 11, 1905.. $563,660.59

An increase in deposits of $133,075 in one year.

The biggest increase in business of any bank on the Eastern Shore. The public seem to appreciate our method of doing business. We treat everybody alike.

We extend every courtesy, We are continually adding to our strength and security, and of course there is no good reason why we should not grow, and as shown above WE HAVE GROWN.

Let us have YOUR Banking business.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK

of Chestertown, Md.

Galena Bank

—OF—

Farmers' Trust,

Banking & Deposit Co.

GALENA, MD.

TRANSACTS A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS.

Interest Allowed on Savings Deposits.

SPECIAL RATES ON TIME DEPOSITS.

JOHN W. WOODLAND, President, Baltimore, Md.
WM. D. ALLEN, Secretary-Treasurer, Baltimore, Md.
EDWARD A. SCOTT, President Local Board, Galena, Md.
RICHARD S. WALLIS, Cashier, Galena, Md.

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.

HERBERT E. PERKINS,
Attorney-at-Law,
s24- Office on Court St. opposite Court House.

HARRISON W. VICKERS, JR.

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

16 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, Md.

Long Distance Phone Mt. Vernon 3025. Maryland Phone Courtland 2951.
Will practice in Kent and adjoining counties.

JAMES W. CHAPMAN, JR.,

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1160—1169 Calvert Building,

BALTIMORE, MD.

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Maryland 'Phone Courtland 2866. ap16-y

Down We Come

AND OUT THEY GO.

A great reduction in price on all Winter Goods. Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing. Don't put it off a day, come get your pick of the best things while the assortment is yet good.

OUR REDUCTION SALES

have been too well established, are too well understood to need any further explanation why we wind up the season by getting rid of merchandise at greatly reduced prices.

J. D. LUCAS,

MEN AND BOYS' Outfitters,

OPPOSITE STAM'S HALL.

Two Attractive Properties

—FOR SALE.—

Corner property in the heart of Rock Hall. Lot 80x200. Dwelling and office adjoining, and also four-horse stable and shed. This place must be sold.

Walter Sparks' Residence in Fairlee, Md. Seven acres, all kinds fruit, 8-room dwelling, excellent condition, best materials, 3 porches. Outbuildings in good repair. A very desirable home. We simply ask you to inspect the place. Price $2,250.

J. WATERS RUSSELL,
REAL ESTATE,
Chestertown, - - Maryland

ROOFING.

Corey' Magnesia Roofing

We are the agents for this Roofing in this locality. This is the BEST flexible Roofing on the market, and is giving satisfaction wherever used.

Other dealers have tried to arrange to handle these goods, but we have a written contract for the exclusive sale here.

All Kinds of Felt ROOFING.

LUMBER, MILLWORK and BUILDING MATERIAL.

W. S. & A. M. CULP.
OLD R. R. DEPOT.

WM. C. SUTTON,

SANITARY PLUMBING

HUBBARD BUILDING.

Chestertown, Md.

STATEMENT.

Showing the Condition of

The Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

of Kent connty, Md., Dec. 31., 1904.

Total Income	$13,534.61
Total Disbursements	23,889.04
ASSETS.	
Real Estate Owned by Company	10,443.86
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	13,300.00
Amount of such Mortgages more than one year's Interest Due	2,000,00
Stocks and Bonds Owned by Company	29,340.00
Cash in Office and in Bank	2,406.62
Debt due Company	123.38
Interest due and accrued	681.52
Premium Notes held $198-295.09	$58,295.38
Deduct Doubtful Securities	73.00
Assets Admitted	58,222.38
LIABILITIES.	
Net unpaid Losses and Claims in Process of Adjustment	2,829.00
Total Liabilities	$ 2,829.00
Surplus to Policyholders	55,393.38
Amount at Risk in United States Dec. 31, 1904	1,995,315.00
Amount Written in Maryland during 1904	1,995,315.00
Premiums in Maryland in 1904	9,430.96
Losses Paid in Maryland in 1904	16,634.68
Losses Incurred in Maryland in 1904	19,463.68

STATE OF MARYLAND,
Insurance Department,
Commissioners' Office,
BALTIMORE, February 2nd, 1905.

I hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of the Statement of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county, Md., to December 31st, 1904, now on file in this Department.

FRANK I. DUNCAN,
mar11-3t. Insurance Commissioner.

Ladies Department Store

will be opened at Kennedyville by C. C. Ball on MARCH TWENTY-THIRD, consisting of up-to-date

Spring & Summer Goods

also a few choice Groceries.

All bought from first hands for cash, will be sold as cheap or cheaper than elsewhere. Would desire a part of the patronage of the people.

Country produce taken in exchange for goods.

Yours for business,
C. C. BALL.

SEED CORN!

Would you like to grow 200 bushels to the acre. The only variety that will produce this amount is my

IMPROVED COLLOSAL YELLOWDENT.

After years of constant care in selection and propagation, I have produced in this variety a world beater. Single stalks frequently produce two ears of 16 to 20 rows and more than 12 inches in length each. Single ears 14 to 16 inches are common on good land. In 1903 on a 6¾ acre lot I produced 1352 bushels in the ear. Notwithstanding last year's drouth it averaged 114 bushels per acre.

In a test case in Talbot county last year it produced from 20 to 70 bushels per acre more than Home Builder, Central State Despatch, Legal Tender, Yard Long and 9 other varieties.

All my Seed Corn is carefully selected and dried quickly in specially prepared cribs. All ears pipped.

Descriptions of two splendid varieties of early white corn—"White Elephant" and "Farmers Interest" sent on application.

Price of above corn f. o. b. Easton, PECK 60c BUSHEL $1.60; sacks included. CASH with order

W. OSCAR COLLIER,
Easton, Md.

Propagator of Standard Farm Seeds, Wheat, Corn and Oats. Eleventh year in the business. Reference—Easton National Bank. f18-4t

HOW ABOUT IT?

Have you been thinking about buying an

INCUBATOR?

Well, just stop thinking and drop me a postal. I have some news for you. Don't think of buying an INCUBATOR or any POULTRY SUPPLIES until you have my prices. I can save you money. And don't forget I have

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.

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To Do Your Papering

with a new and attractive line

of Wall Paper.

Have us call and show our line of samples. We can interest you both in prices and new schemes in Decorative Art. Drop us a card, and we will bring samples to your homes, no difference if you only have one room or a dozen to be papered, we will save you money on them.

Walter W. Needles,

Decorative Paper Hanger.

WANTED.

TWO PERMANENT GENTLEMEN BOARDERS, also Transient Boarders. Rates reasonable.

ANNIE L. COPPER,
m11-3t. Queen Street, Chestertown, Md.

NOTICE.

"Dr. B. B. Browne, Jr., of 510 Park avenue, Baltimore, (A. B.; M. D., John Hopkins University, and Clinical Assistant Physician John Hopkins Hospital,) will be in Chestertown FRIDAY and SATURDAY, APRIL 7th and 8th, for PROFESSIONAL WORK ON THE EYE, EAR and THROAT. Office at the residence of Mr. George B. Westcott, Court St., near Stam's Drug Store.

FESTIVAL.

The Kennedyville Baseball Club will hold a FESTIVAL in Weer's Hall, in Kennedyville, Md., on SATURDAY, EVENING, MARCH 25th. Come and bring your friends, encourage the boys and give them a start. D. T. NICKERSON,
mar11-3t. Manager.

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,
mar4-6t. Chestertown, Md.

FOR SALE.

Ten tons of prime TIMOTHY HAY kept under cover. Price $15 per ton delivered. Six hundred tomato baskets of CARMAN POTATOES. Thirty cents for first size, twenty cents for second. Four hundred bushels of SEED OATS, No. 1 or no sale. Forty-five cents per bushel.

J. W. HURTT,
mr4-3t.* Locust Grove, Kent Co., Md.

FOR RENT.

I have several good FIELDS FOR RENT for CASH or for share of crops. Call and see me or drop me a line for particulars. I have also GOOD FISHING SHORE. Splendid shad and herrring waters. F. P. CANBY,
Betterton, Md
P. O. Address—Still Pond, Md. mr4-3t.

FOR SALE.

A solid Walnut DROP TOP DESK, with three drawers, six pigeon holes, cuddy and three spaces for books, in good condition. Will be SOLD CHEAP FOR CASH. For particulars, Apply at TRANSCRIPT OFFICE.

Business Opportunity.

Having reduced my stock down to about $3000, I will offer at a BIG BARGAIN the remainder all fresh and unbroken

Stock & Fixtures,

with good cash business at a BIG DISCOUNT. Yours,

Chas. S. Smith.

Notice to Traveling Public.

DRIVING faster than a walk across Chester bridge is prohibited by law. All violators of the law which is posted conspicuously on the bridge, will be punishable with fine and costs to offenders. By order of Commissioners,

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

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

SEWING MACHINES.

Do you know we sell sewing machines on gradual easy payment?

A great many have availed themselves of our plan and provided new machines for their homes. Our one price system of selling machines has proven a success. We now offer you our Sewing Machines on our new Rental-Purchase plan.

The most simple and pleasing arrangements for a young woman, housewife, mother or the head of the family.

This new plan is offered to any responsible person in Kent county. All makes of Sewing Machines repaired. Needles, Oils, Attachments for all Sewing Machines. Call or mail postal.

Singer Sewing Machine Co.,
COL. A. H. SUPLEE, MANAGER,
Betterton, Md.

Sewing Machines sold for cash, note or on time lease. mar 11-3m,

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, 1905.

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

E. T. COMEGYS,
WITH
Stewart Fruit Company,

of Baltimore City, Md.
118 & 120 E. Pratt street.

COMMISSION, FRUIT AND PRODUCE SHIPPERS AND JOBBERS.

Highest market prices. Returns same day.

Fruits, Berries, Melons, Vegetables, Poultry, Eggs, Live Stock, Furs, Hides, Country Produce. Oysters, Grain, Hay, Marsh Grass.

Shippers are invited to visit our new store.

Largest Fruit and Produce House in Baltimore.

Reference—National Bank of Commerce, Bradstreet or Dunn.

CONSIGNMENTS SOLICITED.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphan's Court of Kent county, letters testamentary upon the personal estate of

THOMAS W. SKIRVEN,

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 21st day of September, 1905, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under our hand and seal this 14th day of March, 1905.

CHARLES H. SKIRVEN,
HARRY SKIRVEN,
FRANK SKIRVEN,
mar18-4t. Executors.

Subscription to the Transcript $1.00 per annum.

YOUNG MEN'S SOCIAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

Sixty Young Men of the Town Organize a Society for Their Social and Moral Welfare—The Movement but the Beginning of Greater Things in the Future.

Sixty young men of the town met in the basement of the Hotel Imperial last Monday evening and organized the Social and Literary Society of Chestertown. Through the courtesy of Mr. Wilbur W. Hubbard, one of our public-spirited young men, a room in the basement was fitted up for the meeting and has been donated as the temporary meeting place for the young men. The various officers of the society were elected and committees were selected for the performance of various service, and these committees have been at work devising plans for the government of the society, as well as for the character of the work. Scarcely has a more commendable movement been inaugurated in Chestertown, and judging from the interest manifested by those present the society will be a great success and will fill a long-felt want in our town. A committee on securing subscriptions was appointed, Mr. J. E. Ferguson, chairman, and the committee have waited upon the people of the town for contributions which will be devoted to furnishing the room and equipping it with magazines, good books, amusements and a gymnasium. The responses on the part of the people have been generous, and nearly one hundred dollars has been raised. Sixty dollars were contributed by the young men present on Monday evening towards the success of the enterprise, and we will say here that this movement is but the beginning of a plan that has been in the minds of some of our young men for some months to provide the town with a building which can be used for just such purposes. The movement will be pushed now for all it is worth, and it is likely that in the near future Chestertown will have a young men's building where they may congregate for social and moral benefit. The next meeting of the club will be on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock, when an interesting musical and literary programme will be prepared. The following officers, committees and board of managers were elected :

President, Thomas D. Bowers.

Vice-president, Houston Toulson; 2nd vice-pres., W. B. Usilton, Jr.; 3rd vice-pres., George Peacock; 4th vice-pres., Maxwell Blakeney.

Secretary, J. Waters Russell; assistant, Kemp Rordley.

Treasurer, Jesse Medders.

Committee on Subscriptions—Jeff. E. Ferguson, chairman; Harry Jefferson, Harry Hodgkins, Harry Hoyle, Bayard Vansant, Jas H. Sides, John Barnes, Allie Baker, Ambrose Carroll, Chas. S. Smith, George Z. Roland, Frank Simpers, D. A. Bacchus, Preston Ivens, George Latham, Bernard Boyd, John Rolph, Earle Barnes, John Duyer, Roland Matthews, Thos. Eliason, Fred Russell, Donald Stam, John D. Urie, Henry T. Deaver, Emory Wroth.

Committee on Purchase and Furnishings—W. W. Hubbard, chairman; A. M. Culp, James M. Bartley, Wethered Barroll, Dr. H. G. Simpers.

Committee on Amusements, Games, Etc—D. B. Ford, chairman; J. Hydie Thompson, Joseph Burchinal, George White, Foster Cannan, George Quelett, Jr., W. C. Sutton, Merrick Clements, Ralph Barnett, George Lambert, Thos. Massey, Wilbur Eliason, Jr., Nesbit Trenchard, Geo. Brice, Jas. W. Crouch, Arthur Bradley.

Committee on Music—Warren Hurlock, chairman; A. M. Culp, Fred G. Usilton, W. W. Chapman, Raymond Simpers, Dr. H. I. Dodd, L. Bates Russell, Dr. A. S. Hall, Mr. Stevens, Clinton Jones, Claude Parks, Clifton Jarrell.

Educational and Improvement Committee—H. H. Barroll, Esq., chairman; Prof. Jones, Prof. Robt. Clark, Herbert E. Perkins, Esq.

Library Committee and Librarians—George Quelett, Sr., chairman; Harry Morrison, Arthur Simpler, Clifton Coleman, J. F. Wheatley, D. A. Bacchus, Clinton Wroth, Merrill Dunbracco, John White, Carl M. Russell, W. P. Milby.

Committee on By-Laws—Wm. F. Russell, F. G. Usilton, J. D. Bacchus, W. W. Chapman, W. B. Copper, C. L. Dodd, W. M. Culp, L. B. Russell.

Board of Managers—J. D. Bacchus, W. F. Russell, M. W. Thomas, W. W. Hubbard, W. B. Copper, Prof. J. L. Smith, Eben F. Perkins, D. B. McMenamin, Dr. J. W. Cain, F. G. Usilton, Dr. D. L. Greenfield, Dr. H. B. Martin, Dr. W. L. White, Rev. John B. McKenna.

Mr. Wm. F. Russell was made temporary chairman of the meeting and presided with his usual dignity. Mr. Houston Toulson was named as temporary secretary. After the election of officers and the naming of committees a general discussion took place as to the nature of the society and the character of the work, but it was deemed best to submit the whole matter to the committee on By-laws and the Board of Managers. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and all present were very grateful to Mr. Hubbard for his interest in the movement and the liberal donation of his room. May the society be a success and a permanent blessing to the young men and boys of the town.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Mother Left it in House With Other Children While She Went to a Neighbor's to Work.

A colored child in a family by the name of Briscoe, living near Galena, was burned to death this week. The mother left three of her children in the house, while she went to a neighbor's to do some work. The older of the two children thought the youngest was cold and pulled it near the stove to get warm. It got too close to the fire and its clothing caught fire. The two children ran out of the house to tell the mother of the accident, but when she got to her home, she found the child shockingly burned. The flesh was terribly burned and the child died in great agony the next day. The house narrowly escaped destruction.

First Steamer Since December 14.—The steamer Susquehanna made the trip to Georgetown and Sassafras river landings last Tuesday for the first time since Dec. 14th. The steamer was loaded with freight and passengers to her full capacity and received a hearty welcome all along the route. She made the trip without difficulty and will continue according to schedule. The Ericsson Line boats succeeded in reaching Philadelphia via C. & D. Canal on Monday. this marks the resumption of all bay schedules with the exception of the Port Deposit Line.

JURORS FOR APRIL TERM OF COURT.

Following is a list of 150 tax payers of the county from which the panel of jurors for the April term of court was drawn by Chief Judge James Alfred Pearce :

FIRST DISTRICT.

Henry Tonkin,	Srm'l G. Caldwell,
James E. Woodall,	A. H. Marsburger,
Richard Lockwood,	R. Wesley Moffett,
Pearley Moffett,	Harry Griffith,
Frank L. Smith,	Lewis P. Atwell,
Edwin W. Spear,	John F. Ernest,
E. Thos. Massey,	John H. Weist,
Andrew W. Wilson,	Sam'l Todd,
Francis X. Kraft,	Benj. F. Vansant,
C. S. Hurlock,	Benj. W Duling,
Theodore Dempsey,	Jacob T Shallcross,
Chas. M. Hurtt,	Wm. W. Baldwin.
Wm. A. Whitaker,	

SECOND DISTRICT.

J. H. Clendaniel,	Robt. Comley,
R. R. Hill,	Geo. E. Parrott,
Wm. R. Price,	Wm. Parr,
Howard Turner,	Chas. H. Price,
Wm. S. Hurlock,	Sam'l G. Roseberry,
Ellsworth C. Bowers,	Wm. M. Hurlock,
Geo. Spencer Boulden,	John S. Redmile,
L. J. Usilton,	J. Leonard Price,
John Medders,	Thomas Vandyke,
E. B. Pennington, Jr.,	John M. Comegys,
Chas. England,	Joseph H. Clark,
Goo. W. Sutton,	Andrew J. Hackett.
Wm. H. Bowers,	

THIRD DITTRIDT.

Chas. P. Norris,	Sam'l Mann,
Wm. Hepbron,	Robt. G. Nicholson,
Thomas Gale,	Jos. W. Howard,
Thomas J. Willis,	John Gale,
C. Romie Skirven,	Harvey Brice,
Jos. R. Usilton,	Geo. S. Biddle,
Albert Jervis,	Geo. L. Bowers,
Wm. A. Crew.	Sam'l G. Lee,
Harry Cacy,	Benj. F. Rash,
Wm. G. Rasin,	Albert S. Turner.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Curtis E. Crane,	Walter U. Lusby,
J. D. Bacchus,	James S. Bradley,
Joel R. Clements,	George Brice,
John C. Davis,	Samuel Vannort,
G. W. Hatcherson,	Chas. W. Kibler,
Wilbur Eliason, Jr.,	P. A. M. Brooks,
M. A. Toulson,	P. G. Wilmer,
John W. Hirons,	Thos. S. Bordley,
Stewart Matthews,	Thos. D. Bowers,
Ralph W. Barnett,	Wm. S. Carroll,
Arlington L. Sparks,	Chas. S. Smith,
Harry R. Graham,	Geo. B. Westcott.
W. B. Usilton, Jr.,	

FIFTH DISTRICT.

E. E. Leary,	James M. Wood,
Hopkins, Burgess,	J. Neal Wilson,
Lawrence Stevens,	James B. Wilson,
Samuel Burgess,	Lee A. Durding,
Virgil M. Kendall,	John E. Haddaway,
Jos. C. Kendall,	Wm. K. Judefind,
John V. Kilbourn,	Frank Crow,
A. Carroll Willson,	Frank Ayres,
James A. Casey,	Samuel J. Wickes,
Wm. E. Wilson,	Jas. L. Leary,
John E. Beck,	John C. Wood,
T. Romie Strong,	Thos. D. Glenn.
Wm. R. Larrimore,	

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Isarel F. Walbert,	Purnell Jump,
Chas. H. Skirven,	Jesse H. Usilton,
Geo. Bell,	Edgar J Watson,
James Bell,	A. H. Willis,
A. M. Kendall,	Purnell Jefferson,
A. S. Crouch,	Harry T. Rash,
James Bramble,	Charles H. Crew.
James Page Gale,	

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

James H. Baker,	E. Purnell Jester,
Walter S. Trew,	J. Raymond Bowers,
Daniel W. Hadaway,	Henry Brown,
Geo. M. Hadaway,	J. Romie Byron,
Chas. A. Jessup,	Wm. T. Brown,
Thos. J. Eletcher,	Thos. W. Trew,
Wm. F. Stoops,	I. R. Leaverton.
Raymond Startt,	

The panel for the April term is as follows :

A. S. Crouch,	E. B. Pennington, Jr.,
Purnell Jefferson,	Benj. F. Rash,
Thos. J. Willis,	Edwin W. Spear,
Wm. F. Stoops,	Stewart Matthews,
Chas. O. Norris,	Joseph C. Kendall,
John Medders,	Purnell Jump,
Robt. R. Hill.	Charles H. Crew,
E. Thos. Massey,	Wm. G. Rasin,
John E. Haddaway,	Robert G. Nicholson,
Wm. Parr,	Philip G. Wilmer,
Daniel W. Haddaway,	Howard Turner.
Theodore Dempsey,	Geo. Bell,
J. Raymond Bowers,	Azariah M. Kendall,
Thos. W. Trew,	J. Neal Wilson,
Richard Lockwood,	Wm. M. Hurlock,
John W. Hirons,	Wm. K. Judefind,
Francis X. Kraft,	John V. Kilbourn,
Chas. A. Jessup,	James E. Woodall,
Chas W. Kibler,	Geo. Spencer Boulden,
Geo. W. Hatchetson,	Joseph H. Clark,
Wilbur Eliason, Jr.,	Robert Comley,
Harry R. Graham,	Frank S. Smith,
A. Carroll Wilson,	Wm. Hepbron,
	Harry Griffith.

OYSTER SEASON NEAR END.

The Dredging Season Closed On Wednesday With a Larger Yield Than Last Year. Tonging Season Ends April 25th.

The oyster dredging season closed on Wednesday, and notwithstanding the length of time the grounds were closed by ice, the yield is said to have exceeded that of last season. The tonging season will be continued until April 25th, with five or six days added in order to give the tongers a chance to get rid of their supply. The oystermen say that the severe weather of the past winter has not killed the oysters, and that they have received fair prices for all they have caught. The one unfortunate thing about the business is the usual severity of the weather, when the enforced idleness of the tongers and dredgers furnishes the opportunity to spend the profits of their good weather work, and the season after the winter closes is hardly long enough for the dredgers to make up for the lost time. The tongers have the better opportunity to repair the damage of the winter and many of them in a measure make good for the lost time. The prevalence of mussels on the oysters has materially affected their sale this year. There has scarcely been a season when the plague has been so bad and the mussels have affected the measurements, as they have taken up much space. The flavor and the size of the oysters have been about normal, and altogether prices have been satisfactory. The one discouraging thing has been the weather which has resulted in much loss to the oystermen of Rock Hall and other places in the county. The oystermen however, report plenty of young oysters in the bay and tributaries and point to this as an encouraging sign for next season.

††Mr. John Hessner, of Kennedyville, broke his arm last Saturday afternoon while playing ball. Dr. Barwick set the fracture.

WILMINGTON M. E. CONFERECE.

The Wilmington Conference M. E. Chuch began its annual session in Grace M. E. Church, Wilmington on Wednesday morning, Bishop Goodsell presiding. The Conference session was organized by the election of Rev. W. A. Wise, of Seaford, Del., secretary, who named as his assistants, Revs. W. R. Mowbray, Z. A. Webster, G. P. Jones and L. E. Poole. Rev. H. A. G. Westerfield was re-elected statistical sectretary, and Rev. H. G. Budd was re-elected treasurer. The question of the character of the ministers was the occasion for the beginning of the Corkran-Baker case. After much discussion the conference deceived to try the case before a selected committe of 15, with Bishop Foss presiding. The counsel in the case are as follows: For the church—Revs. E. W. McDowell, Philadelphia Conference; Wm. Wirt King, Grace Church; A. W. Lightbourne, pastor of Epworth; J. W. Easley, pastor of Harrison street church. For the defense—Revs. J. A. B. Wilson, California Conference; J. B. Mann, Central Pennsylvania Conference; J. D. C. Hanna, Philadelphia Conference, and R. T. Coursey and J. M. Lindale, of Wilmington Conference. The trial is being held in St Paul's M. E. Church, and is the most important feature of the Conference. The following is the committe of 15 selected as a jury: Revs. L. L. E. Barrett, J. O. Reese, E. H. Nelson, William Cashmore, F. C. McSorley, J. W. Jones, J. R. Outten, V. E. Hills, C. A. Hill, G. W. Townsend, G. L. Hardesty, G. T. Alderson, C. W. Prettyman, E. P. Roberts and Asbury Burke. Should Revs. Corkran and Baker be convicted of stockjobbing, they may be expelled from the conference.

Various committees were appointed and the routine work of the conference is being attended to with promptness. The reports of the Presiding Elders of the various districts are interesting and show progress along all lines of church work. The conference session will likely close on Tuesday evening when the Bishop will read his appointments for the ensuing year. The Corkran-Baker trial is likely to continue during the entire session of conference. Dr. J. A. B. Wilson is fighting every inch of the ground for the defendants and he and Rev. A. W. Lightbourne are having some interesting legal tilts in connection with the case.

OBITUARY.

LAURA CAROLINE BARROLL.

Miss Laura Caroline Barroll, died at her home in Elkton, on Wednesday, March 8. The deceased was the second daughter of the late James Edmundson Barroll, at one time a prominent lawyer of the Chestertown bar. She was a direct descendant of Rev. William Barroll, an English clergyman of distinction, who became rector of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, in Sassafras Neck, in Cecil county, in the colonial times. Her father, a grandson of Rev. William Barroll, was born in Easton, Md. He was a graduate of Yale University and praticed law with great success in Chestertown until 1854, when he removed to Baltimore. Miss Laura C. Barroll's mother was also of a distinguished ancestry of Queen Anne's county, being Miss Henrietta J. Bedford Hackett, a direct descendant of Gunning Bedford, of Delaware. She was a relative of Hope H. Barroll, Esq., of Chestertown.

SARAH LOUISA MCCOURT.

Mrs. Sarah Louisa McCourt died at her home, corner High and Front streets last Saturday morning after a long illness of paralysis, aged 68 years. The deceased was a member of one of our oldest and most prominent families and during her younger days was closely indentified with the social interests of the community in which she had so long resided. She was the widow of the late Lieutenant McCourt, a prominent army officer. She leaves one child, Miss Flora Louisa McCourt, who has lovingly and tenderly cared for her aged mother during her long illness. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Mary E. Brown, of Chestertown, besides several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held from her late residence on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. L. White, pastor of the M. E. Church. Interment was made in Chester cemetery. The pall bearers were: Messrs. H. M. Brown, H. C. Brown, Wilbur Eliason, Jr., Arthur M. Brown, Wm. H. Brown and Levi Brown. Undertaker Jno. N. Dodd had charge of the funeral arrangements.

JOHN D. MURRAY.

Mr. John D. Murray, son of Rev. J. J. Murray, a former beloved pastor of Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown, died of pneumonia on Wednesday last at his home in Bellvue, near Pittsburg, aged 55 years. He formerly resided in Baltimore and was connected with the Baltimore *Gazette*. He moved to Pittsburg about 15 years ago and became auditor of an iron manufacturing firm. He was unmarried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The County Commissioners met on Tuesday.

The following accounts were passed:

J. E. Duyer, new Assts, 3rd dist	$10.00
A. W. Vansant 1st dist	15.05
Harry C. Price, 2nd dist	6.01
Frank P. Gilpin, 3rd dist, repair to bridge	3.05
Merritt S. Ford, court certificate	5.25
Frederick Humbert, salary as janitor	12.50
Walter H. Hadaway, Treas., for stamps and stationery	6.25
Ellie Baker, glass in front of Court House	.45
Sarah Sweetman, pension, 1st dist	12.00
Wm. and Mary Mitchel, pension, 2nd dist	20.00
Hannah Smith, pension, 5th dist	12.00
Chas. E. Matthews, pension, 5th dist	10.00
H. L. Boyd, insurance premium	47.92
Jas. G. Beck, " "	47.92
J. N. Wheatley, " "	47.92

For insurance on court house, jail and jail stables.

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