Kent News.

CHESTERTOWN:
SATURDAY..... FEB. 18, 1888.

HON. E. K. WILSON, United States Senate, will please accept our thanks for packages of seeds from Department of Agriculture.

A LONG train of loaded cattle cars on the Delaware, Lackawana and Western railroad became unmanageable on account of the snow Monday near Stroudsbury, Pa., and was deserted by the crew; the train gained terrible headway, jumped the track and was wrecked; 400 head of cattle were killed.

THE twentieth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Knights of Pythias, was held in Baltimore this week at the Castle Hall, on Gay Street. Mr. Frank Satterfield represented Chesapeake Lodge, at Rock Hall, which we believe is the only lodge of this order now in the county.

THE Salisbury (Md.) postoffice was broken into on Tuesday night and robbed of $1,700 in money and stamps. Three men were arrested at Norfolk on Wednesday morning on the arrival there of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk ferry steamer, and from the large quantity of postage stamps found upon their persons, there is scarcely any doubt that they are the guilty parties.

A DISPATCH from Norfolk states that the famous Baltimore bark Gray Eagle, Capt. Chas. S. Powell, from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, December 26, for Baltimore, with scrap iron, went ashore at 4 o'clock Sunday morning on Little Island Beach, coast of Virginia. She immediately filled with water. Capt. Powell and crew were promptly saved by the crew from Little Island life-saving station, where they were comfortably cared for.

THE case of M. C. Duer, who cut his wife's throat in the public road in Northampton county, Va., on the 5th of January last, was considered at Eastville on Monday. After hearing the testimony as produced the grand jury thought it unwise to find a bill against Duer, as there was little room to doubt that he was insane at the time of the deed. This action of the grand jury will result in his being sent to the insane asylum.

SENATOR REAGAN in the debate a few days ago on the alleged deficiencies of the mail service out West—particularly in red-hot republican States—made the observation that if the alleged instances of bad service were reported to the Postmaster-General for correction, insead of being reported to republican Senators exclusively for political use, it would be easier for the deparment to give satisfaction. The fact is, according to Senator Reagan, that the service is better now than it ever was, but political capital is in great demand.

THE BLAIR BILL PASSES THE SENATE.—The Blair educational bill passed the Senate on Wednesday by a vote of 39 to 29. Only four senators were absent from their seats. The vote is perfectly free from all influences of party or State. Twenty-three Republicans and sixteen Democrats voted for the bill, and twelve Republicans and seventeen Democrats voted against it. Of the Southern Senators, thirteen voted for it, and twelve against it, so that it can be seen to how great an extent each man's vote represented his individual belief. Senator Wilson voted against the bill, and Senator German would have voted against it had he not been paired. It seems likely the bill will never go any further. Speaker Carlisle is known to be opposed to it, and the very committee to which it will be referred in the House—that on Education—has been appointed with an eye to the bill, and so it is not at all likely that the bill will ever get a showing in the House.

THE ELECTIONS THIS YEAR.—The year 1888 will be one of great activity in politics. The presidential election, which will take place on November 6, is of course the chief event, but in view of the struggle of conflicting interests to control the tariff policy of the Forty-first Congress, the congressional election on the same date will be equally exciting and important. Besides these contests, there will be elections in many States on November 6 for State officers and legislators also, so that there will be abundant motives for the average voter to go to the polls. Oregon, however, elects her Congressmen on June 4, Vermont on September 4, and Maine on September 10, and these three States hold their State and congressional elections on the same day. Of the States which hold elections before November, Oregon is the only one that can be termed doubtful. Maine and Vermont will give their usual republican majorities in September, and the fact will have no particular significance. Happily, there are no longer any October States to distract attention from the work of the campaign in the rest of the Union. The centre of activity at present is at Washington, where the leading politicians of the country are now congregated.

WONDERFUL PEDESTRIANISM.—That a human being should prove himself capable of covering six hundred and twenty-one miles and thirteen hundred and twenty yards in one hundred and forty-two hours seems well-nigh incredible, and yet that is the record made by James Albert, of Philadelphia, in the six days' walking match at Madison Square Garden, New York, which closed at ten o'clock, Saturday evening. The actual time Albert was on the track was a little over one hundred and twenty-two hours, the remaining hours having been devoted to sleep and rest. This beats Fitzgerald's best record—six hundred and ten miles—nearly twelve miles, and whilst Fitzgerald closed his race in an exhausted condition, Albert wound up his wonderful score in excellent condition, and when weighed was found to have lost only one pound during his six days of brave struggle to beat his competitors and the best previous record at the same time. To the credit of the winner he is said to be a man of sober and industrious habits, and he entered the contest in superb physical condition. Walking matches may be subject to just criticism in many respects, but it is certainly an achievement of will and muscle to cover over five miles of ground each hour for one hundred and twenty-two hours, and there is pardonable ground for exultation over the fact that the feat was accomplished by an American.

IT is generally supposed that by mailing a letter on the train it will reach its destination as soon as though it had been mailed through the post-office. But such is not the fact. By recent ruling of the Postmaster-General all letters mailed on trains are to be carried only to the next mail station and left there to be mailed. In consequence of this ruling, letters mailed on the trains, instead of being hastened will be delayed. It will be a source of great inconvenience to merchants and others, but as long as the mail clerks on the trains are relieved of a burden, of course business men must not grumble.—*Exchange.*

THE managers of the Cecil County Agricultural Society have selected as the dates of the next fair, October 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th. The Harford Society have selected the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th of the same month for their fair.

MR. BLAINE NOT A CANDIDATE.

Mr. B. F. Jones, chairman of the national republican committee, has received a letter from Mr. Blaine declining to allow his name to be presented to the national republican convention as a candidate for the presidential nomination. In his letter Mr. Blaine says: "I am constrained to this decision by considerations entirely personal to myself, of which you were advised more than a year ago. But I cannot make the announcement without giving expression to my deep sense of gratitude to the many thousands of my countrymen who have sustained me so long and so cordially that their feeling has seemed to go beyond the ordinary political adherence of fellow-partisans and to partake somewhat of the nature of personal attachment. For this most generous loyalty of friendship I can make no adequate return, but I shall carry the memory of it while life lasts."

The New York *Herald*, independent, commenting on the withdrawal, says:

"The republican party has many leaders ready for the campaign. New England has presented Hawley with a strong following and the advantage of a meritorious civil and military career. In New York we have Evarts and a score of statesmen. The West will send many candidates, with John Sherman easily in the lead. And unless the enthusiasm aroused by the name and glory of Sherman should disturb republican political calculations, John Sherman will probably take the place as republican leader which Mr. Blaine surrenders."

The New York *Times*, republican, professes to see insincerity in the letter and seems to think it was written to strengthen Mr. Blaine's chances for the nomination. It says:

"But after all the one striking feature in the present political situation is the extraordinary activity of the republican clubs all over the country. These clubs are Blaine clubs. The men who have organized and who control them are Blaine men, and it is from Blaine centres that the influences have gone forth and are still going forth to build up these clubs and to prepare them for effective work at Chicago in June and during the campaign. This conspicuous political fact belies the words which Mr. Blaine writes from Florence, and makes his letter almost ridiculous. A machine of such unusual proportions, so carefully elaborated and put together, has not been set up on the mere chance that Mr. Blaine would be a candidate or might be persuaded to be a candidate, and it will not be taken apart or turned over to the service of any of Mr. Blaine's rivals merely because Mr. Blaine has written a letter to Chairman Jones stating that his name will not be presented to the nominating convention. The Blaine agitation will go on as merrily as ever in spite of this rather ambiguous disclaimer of presidential aspirations on the part of Mr. Blaine."

CONGRESSMAN GIBSON.

Under the title of "A Friend in Need" the Baltimore *Sun* of recent date has the following complimentary reference to our talented and efficient representative:

"It is particularly gratifying, in view of the efforts which have been made to array the interests of the counties of Maryland against the interests of the city of Baltimore and to sow jealousies between the city and the rest of the State, to find that there is at least one public man in the counties who appreciates the importance to the State at large of Baltimore's commercial development and is willing to lend his aid to promote it. There are, of course, many intelligent men among the representative citizens of the counties who take a sincere and cordial interest in the growth of Baltimore city, and are not alarmed in the least by the misleading cry about the "undue influence" of the city in the affairs of the Sate, but to Congressman Gibson must be ascribed the special credit of laboring so earnestly in behalf of the port of Baltimore in order to secure a proper appropriation for the improvement of the harbor as for river improvements in which his more immediate constituency on the Eastern Shore are interested. Success has rewarded his efforts in committee, and it is energetically supported by the other members of the Maryland delegation in the House the appropriation agreed upon by the committee, which will enable the engineers to extend the scope of the harbor improvement materially, will no doubt be secured. Baltimore is glad to be indebted to the Eastern Shore member for this service and particularly so as it evinces the proper spirit on his part, recognizing as it does the community of interests existing between the State at large and its principal city. The persistent attempts which have been made to isolate Baltimore from the rest of the State and to hold her up as a sort of bugaboo to the counties have had the effect of making the people of this city feel somewhat lonesome of late, and it is reassuring to know that a representative from the counties is not only unwilling to look after her interests, but evidently anxious to promote them to the best of his ability.

BAD FOR BOHEMIAN OATS.

The Michigan Supreme Court Brands the Company as an Illegal Concern.

The following may prove of interest to many persons in Kent, especially to those who have purchased notes of the Bohemia Oats Company, which is recognized as identical with the Hulless Oats Company. A special dispatch to the Philadelphia *Press* from Lansing, Michigan, says:

The Supreme Court to-day reversed the decision of the lower court of McNamara vs. Gaggett. In 1885, Gaggett purchased Bohemian Oats and gave his note to A. A. Griffen, who sold the note to McNamara. Gaggett refused to pay the note claiming that there had not been adequate consideration, and was sued on it, the court giving a judgment for note and interest against him. He carried the case to the supreme Court, and that court ruled that the contract for which the note was given was fraudulent, and, therefore, not binding on the defendant. The terms of the contract are at war with public policy, says the court, and therefore null and void.

This decision settles over a hundred cases now on file in the lower courts, and will result in saving the farmers from the clutches of the Bohemian Oats Company, a wild-cat organization, and the breaking up of an organized company of swindlers that have bled the farmers of Michigan of thousands of dollars. The verdict is the result of favorable comment, and there can be no more Bohemian oat contracts in Michigan. The court condemns the scheme, and will make void notes for $50,000 in this State.

THE NEXT M. P. CONFERENCE.—The sixtieth session of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church meets in Baltimore at Broadway Methodist Protestant Church, Wednesday, April 4th. Rev. W. S. Hammond has been elected president for two consecutive years, and will, under the custom of the conference, be elected for another year. There is no rule now as to the time a pastor can remain at one station or circuit, but a good many changes are made each year. It is not likely that any changes will be made in the pastorate of the city churches. None of the ministers have died during the conference year up to this time. The conference has on the roll 110 ministers, and is entitled to a lay membership of the same number. It embraces the territory of Maryland, the District of Columbia, a few counties of Delaware and one appointment in Philadelphia. Delegates will be elected at the conference to the general conference of the church which meets at Adrian, Michigan, May 18th.

OBITUARY.—Dr. William E. Thornton, a member of the second branch of the Baltimore City Council, died at his residence at the corner of Baltimore and Harrison streets, on Saturday last, from the effects of injuries resulting from a fall on the street on Friday. Dr. Thornton formerly resided in Centreville, and married Maggie, the daughter of the late Wm. F. Parrott, of that town. He was a native of Virginia, and was 45 years old. A widow, two sons and a daughter survive him.

Miss Dora Hendrix, wife of H. Clay Hendrix, and daughter of the late Horace T. Roberts, died at her residence in Crumpton, on Saturday last, after a short illness. Funeral services were held in the Crumpton M. E. Church Monday afternoon.

Col. Joshua Clayton and James M. Cox, two prominent citizens of Middletown, Del., are dead. The former died suddenly on Sunday night of heart disease, aged 85 years, and the latter on Saturday, in his 62d year.

Hon. John Wethered, one of the most prominent citizens of Baltimore county, died at "Ashland," near Catonsville, Wednesday night. He always took great interest in politics, and about 1850 was a member of Congress.

David R. Locke, editor of the Toledo (Ohio) *Blade*, widely known as "Petroleum V. Nasby," died Wednesday morning. He had been suffering for a long time from a complication of organic troubles, but the immediate cause of his death was consumption.

THE THIRD PARTY PARTED IN TWAIN.—Dr. McGlynn has broken with Mr. Henry George politically because the latter announces that he thinks the party he leads ought not to nominate a candidate for the presidency this fall. This, the doctor says, is side-tracking the anti-poverty or united labor party in favor of the democratic party. Mr. George does this, says the doctor, because he is a free-trader, and as such is more a democrat than a united laborer. It will be interesting now to see which leader the labor party will follow. Will the party consider McGlynn a better George man than Mr. George himself? Revolutions generally devour their originators, but the land-tax revolution will beat all its predecessors if it destroys its creator before it has yet gotten well on its legs. Meanwhile land-owners will rejoice at getting a longer lease of life.

THE CHESTERTOWN BRIDGE.

Our esteemed cotemporaries, the Centreville *Record* and the *Kent News* and Chestertown *Transcript*, are engaged in a friendly discussion concerning the advisability of making the bridge across Chester river at Chestertown free for travel to the citizens of both counties. At first blush it seems to us that this is a scheme upon the part of the stockholders of the bridge company to saddle upon the two counties an investment which is unremunerative to them and is paying no dividends, and that they in their turn are backed up by the merchants of Chestertown, who think they will reap a harvest from the residents of that section of this county bordering upon Chester river in the event that travel on the bridge is made free. Both the *News* and *Transcript* think that the position taken by the people of this county is a selfish one, and that the merchants of Centreville and Church Hill fear that if the bridge is made free it will interfere with their business. We don't think that our citizens view the matter in that light, and besides it is not a matter of sentiment with us, but entirely one of economy. We have not the slightest objection to the bridge being made free; but what we do object to, and that most decidedly, is the proposition to compel Queen Anne's county to pay one-half or one-fourth the cost. Let the representatives of Queen Anne's and Kent counties in the present Legislature secure the passage of a law containing the provisions desired, and then let the law be submitted to the voters of Queen Anne's county at the next general election, and if a majority of them desire that Queen Anne's shall pay part of the purchase money for the bridge and shall in the future bear a part of the expense of maintaining it, then so let it be.—*Centreville Observer.*

The above extract from the *Observer* on the bridge question we publish that our readers may be posted on the views of our valued cotemporary. We discussed the subject fully in our last issue. We have no disposition whatever to force our neighbors into unjustifiable expenditures. It is not a matter of sentiment with either Kent or Queen Anne's. The benefits are not one-sided. A free bridge would be of as much advantage to Queen Anne's as to Kent—the one-sided views of our cotemporaries to the contrary notwithstanding. Indeed, the movement originated and has its strongest force in our neighboring county. We question whether practically it would be of any vast benefit to Chestertown. Our neighbors near us on the Queen Ann's side of the river find it to their interest to come to Chestertown, and the toll they pay is an injustice imposed upon them not by Kent—unless we refuse to do our part toward making the bridge free—but by their own county in not giving them facilities which they are taxed to afford other sections of this county.

The *Observer's* charge that the effort to make the bridge free is a scheme upon the part of the stockholders to saddle an unremunerative investment upon the two counties, is evidently a creation of the *Observer's* prejudiced imagination. It is not true, and shows how thoroughly ignorant our cotemporary is, not only of the bridge, but of the wishes and interests of those citizens of his county who have signed the free bridge petition, and who are taxpayers on property valued at nearly two millions of dollars. The Chester River Bridge Company has a capital stock of about twelve thousand dollars, divided into shares of the par value of fifteen dollars each. The company has rarely failed to make a semi-annual dividend of three per cent., sometimes four, occasionally five. The stockholders of the bridge have expended about $2,000 in repairs during the past year, building an entirely new draw and putting the structure in thorough repair, and they are taking no part in the present movement. The *Observer* may think a stock that pays dividends of six, eight or ten per cent. an unremunerative investment, but up this way the owners of a six per cent. interest bearing security considers himself quite too fortunate to desire to saddle it upon any one else, even at its par value.

There is but one just way to make this bridge free, and that is by both counties paying equally to the expense thereof. If Queen Anne's is not willing to do her part, then this settles the matter without a doubt.

THE CENTREVILLE AND CORSICA RIVER STEAMBOAT COMPANY.—The directors of this company met at their branch office in Philadelphia on Monday, Feb. 6th. The members are Charles D. Middleton, president; J. Hersey Hall, Frank A. Emory, Jacob Pusey, W. M. Slay, E. S. Levy, C. Halyburton, Jr., and Oscar S. Wilson. All of the members were present. The report of the secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. P. Harlan, was read and approved. The business of the company for the six months since its organization was satisfactory, the little steamer "Gratitude" paying all expenses, including improvements, and leaving a gratifying balance in the treasury. It was decided to lay the keel of another boat, the companion of the Gratitude. Work on the new boat will be begun at once. She will be 140 feet long, 22½ feet beam, iron hull, compound engine, fitted up for passengers and freight, and is estimated to cost $40,000. The dimensions of the new boat are longer than those of the Gratitude. She will make daily trips from Chestertown and some intermediate landings. The Gratitude will make daily trips from Centreville and stops on the route. The steamer is now being painted and, before starting, will have a new wheel with four inches more diameter, and the latest improvements added to her machinery, which it is thought will improve her speed considerably. At this writing it cannot be stated to a certainty when trips will be resumed. A resumption can be relied on at an early day, however.—*Centreville Record.*

Curious Things in His Stomach.

A remarkable operation was performed on the little son of Joseph Doward, proprietor of the Salisbury (Md.) Marble Works, by Dr. G. H. Cantwell, of Wilmington, Del., one day last week. For some time past the boy has been troubled with a restlessness which could not be accounted for, and at night he would awake his parents by the most fearful shrieks. Medicine was given for the removal of tape worms, and the boy was removed of a tape worm measuring eighteen feet. Still his restlessness did not cease, and he was taken to Wilmington, where the surgeon took from the boy's stomach seven reptiles resembling scorpions. Some of them were dead and some alive, the others having been killed by the use of electricity. The reptiles are about as large as the end of the thumb of a man and about an inch long. They are perfectly formed and have the usual head and tail of the scorpion. When taken out they were fastened on to a huge tape-worm. Physicians say there is no such case on record. The largest of the reptiles is on exhibition at a drug store in Wilmington. The boy seems much improved and is bright and lively as ever. The doctors cannot account for the appearance of the reptiles in the boy's stomach except on the hypothesis that he drank the eggs while drinking from a stream. It is thought by some that the so-called scorpions may be what are commonly known as "spring-cleaners," a little reptile resembling a scorpion, seen in almost any spring.

KENT COUNTY APPOINTMENTS.—Governor Jackson sent to the Senate on Tuesday the appointments for a number of the counties, including those for Kent, as follows:

Justices of the Peace.—First District—Wm. A. Miller, Wm. M. Johnson. Second—Wm. Medders, Daniel U. Deweese, Isaac R. Starkey. Third—Wm. E. Beck, Augustus G. Mathiott. Fourth—C. W. C. Johnson, Vachel Burgess, Arthur B. Wheatley. Fifth—Wm. H. Davis, Samuel C. Brannock.

Officers of Registration.—First district, G. W. Jacoby; second, Leonard A. Pennington; third, Samuel W. Wallis; fourth, John R. Gray; fifth, Harrison H. Gresham.

Notary Public.—Chas. Estes, Chestertown.

Coroners.—First district, Geo. A. Ireland; second, John Pennington; third, Wm. Stanley; fourth, R. K. Pippin; fifth, Isaac Gale.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Feb. 14.—Present Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett.

Edward Y. O'Meara, adm'r of Andrew O'Meara, returned inventory of personal estate and filed list of debts due the said deceased.

James A. Pearce, adm'r of F. W. W. Smith, passed his first and final administration account.

Henry T. Massey, adm'r of Thomas Massey, filed release from Thomas J. and Emma J. Jones.

C. T. Westcott, attorney for Mrs. Martha Harper, filed answer to caveat to the will of Mrs. A. E. Webb.

The last will and testament of John F. Beeks was placed on file for probate.

MATRIMONIAL.

Stewart — Adams.

At the Associated Reformed Church yesterday morning the Rev. Wayland D. Ball united in marriage Mr. Hyland P. Stewart, a member of the Baltimore bar, and Miss Mamie Adams, daughter of W. H. Adams, of Adams & Buck. Mr. Irving B. Adams, brother of the bride, was best man, and C. L. Adams and Wm. H. Adams, Jr., also brothers, were ushers, with C. W. Field and J. H. Preston. The bride wore a blue traveling dress and hat trimmed in black. After the wedding, which was shortly before noon, the couple left Union Station for New York. They will reside here, at 1814 Madison avenue, where a reception will be given on the return. Among those present were the groom's mother, Mrs. Wm. H. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Stewart, Misses Ethel and Annie Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Adams, Mrs. and Hon. H. Wells Rusk, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Naylor, Miss. Jennie Adams, Mrs. Lizzie Adams, Mrs. M. A. Berry, Mrs. R. P. Buckner, Miss Sallie Whitmore, Jacob Lantz, the Misses Lantz, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. P. Stieff, Mr. and Mrs. W. Burns Trundle, Mr. and Mrs. Irving A. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Rickard, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carmer, Dr. and Mrs. Fayette M. Latham, Miss Hiss, Miss Zwissler, L. J. Cherry, David Whitney, Nelson Ramsey, G. S. Griffith, Jr., George M. Griffith, L. D. Bennett, Mrs. Jacquelin Buck, Mr. and Mrs. David Steward, Mr. and Mrs. Cassard, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. B. Sellman, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Matthias, Prof. S. S. Grauer was organist.—*Sun, Feb.* 10.

THE CANNING BUSINESS.

Messrs. James Bellingham and John J. McVey are in Chestertown this week looking for a location for a canning house. They have been engaged in the business in Harford county, where there are over a hundred canning houses in operation. They propose to engage largely in the business and will put up corn, vegetables and fruits, provided they get under way and meet with proper encouragement from growers.

Our Still Pond correspondent states that a canning house in that neighborhood is assured in the early spring and another is talked of. Kednedyville is also moving in the matter. There is no reason why there should not be a dozen or more of these enterprises successful in Kent this year, especially if there is a crop of peaches.

Our law-makers at Annapolis will, of course, carefully digest every measure that touches this great Maryland interest. We have not seen Mr. Thompson's bill, but recommend to him the suggestions of our intelligent Still Pond correspondent.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COURT-ROOM.—At the meeting of the County Commissioners on Tuesday C. T. Westcott, Esq., presented a petition from the judges, attorneys and officers of the circuit court asking for certain improvements in the court room necessary to the convenience and to a prompt disposal of business. The improvements asked are as follows: First, to remove the railing on each side of the bar; second, to raise and extend the bar platform on each side to the jury boxes; third, erect a witness box or stand in front of and near the clerk's desk in the corner next the jail; fourth, to extend the rail across the bar on each side to the jury boxes; fifth, to improve the panel at the end of the grand jury box, so that the foreman may the more readily consult the court; sixth, to provide two trial tablets within the bar instead of the one. The petition was read and considered and an order was passed appointing Wm. Morris, president of the board, a committee to confer with the petitioners and to have the improvements made.

THE "FAIRLEE MINSTRELS" held forth in Stam's Hall last Friday night according to published announcement, and notwithstanding the extremely bad weather a good audience greeted them. Prof. Hulme, the manager, seemed in his happiest mood, and each member of the company acquitted himself finely. If we were required to "give the cake" to the best character we might select Mr. Stephens or Mr. Alrich, or Mr. R. S. Diehl, but then another may have selected others, as the parts assigned required different talent. Our Fairlee correspondent gave such a full report of their performance there—and it being a reproduction here—it would hardly seem necessary for us to go further into particulars. Suffice it to say that the performance here was laughable from beginning to end and the encores were so numerous that it was quite late when the program was completed. We hope their next visit here will be in better weather.

NAVIGATION.—The Emma A. Ford, after an absence of nearly a month, was enabled, after much difficulty with the ice, to reach Chestertown on Tuesday. Her whistle was a welcome sound to our merchants and the traveling public in general. Capt. McConnor reports that much floating ice was encountered at the mouth of the river, being piled up and frozen into large cakes. The Ford's wheels were damaged to the amount of $150 in fighting her way through the fields of ice, and was unable to stop at Queenstown or Grey's Inn. The Corsica also came over as far as Booker's wharf, but could not land all her freight. The Ford made her way here on Thursday with even more difficulty than on Tuesday, and left on time yesterday morning, breaking ice an inch or more thick, and Captain McConnor had doubts about getting thro' the drift ice at the mouth of the river.

MR. J. W. CHAPMAN'S fast trotter rather astonished all lookers-on last Tuesday morning as he came down the street "nip and tuck" with Mr. A. J. Hynson's fast nag, and many declared that "Sleepy Dave" must hereafter take second place. Whether this be so or not Mr. Chapman's black is certainly a fast and pretty goer, and Capt. Russell knows how to handle him. For beauty as a trotter Mr. W. Eliason's bay takes the prize. And he is one of the fastest. The only trouble seems to be in keeping him on his feet.

MASQUERADES.—A party of young friends of Miss Millie Comegys called on her last Saturday evening en masque and spent a few hours very socially. They had quite a lively time and their disguises were in most instances very complete.

On Tuesday evening there was a children's masquerade at Mr. Joseph Turner's, somewhat in the nature of a surprise to his daughter, Miss Grace. Quite a number of the friends of the young lady were present and spent an enjoyable evening.

THE ladies of Westminster Presbyterian Church will give a turkey and oyster supper at Odd Fellows' Hall, Galena, on the evenings of the 22d and 23d instant, with entertainments each evening by young people. Let all attend and help a good cause.

Public Sales Advertised.

Feb. 18—T. Numbers, adm'r of W. S. Green, personal property in Millington.

Feb. 29—John Price, personal property, near Masseys.

March 1—Samuel Nickerson, personal property, on the Bosce farm.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Mollie Parks and Miss Florence Cavender are visiting friends in Cecil.

Mr. John W. Usilton, for many years past employed in the NEWS office, has secured a position in the government printing office in Washington and writes that the place is first-class and suits him admirably. He is fully competent for the position and will be found faithful in every respect. Besides, he is a true and tried Democrat and Mr. Printer Benedict can no longer be charged with having all Republicans in his department.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bell, of this county, returned home on Tuesday, looking remarkably well, from a four weeks' very pleasant visit to Baltimore and Washington.

If any one man ever had his share of illness we should say that Mr. Jesse Jerome of Quaker Neck is that man. He is still alive and about as active as the next one at 55 years, although his wife informs us that he has had *twenty-one* distinct and separate attacks of pneumonia and typhoid fever! In several of them he was at "death's door." A good physician and a good wife's faithful nursing doubtless saved him.

Mrs. S. Vannort, whom we mentioned in our last issue as having undergone a delicate surgical operation, is improving under the treatment of Dr. Howard, and not Dr. Hammond, as before stated. Mr. Vannort, who has been constantly with his wife, came over on Thursday and will return on Monday. He is naturally in a fine flow of spirits over her successful treatment and steadily improving condition.

Mrs. Jackson Wickes, of Grey's Inn, who has been quite ill, is reported to be improving.

Mr. Nathaniel T. Hynson, of Still Pond has secured a good position in the navy yard at Washington and has left for that place.

The wife of Mr. Charles T. Stratton died suddenly at Fairlee Mills, on Tuesday, after a short illness. Mrs. Stratton came to Fairlee Mills from Westover, Md. She was a faithful and devoted christian and had been a member of the M. E. Church from her youth. She had endeared herself to the people in the community.

The Snow Hill *Messenger* says of the Rev. Robt. W. Todd:—"Mr. Todd has been here three years and is now conducting a successful revival meeting at his church. If he should decide to go to Chestertown we are sure the people will be pleased with him. He is the author of 'Methodism on the Peninsula,' and is a very learned gentleman."

Misses Editha Hines, Nannie Brice and Emma A. Gilpin, of Chestertown, Kent county, attended the Colt's ball held here Thursday night. These young ladies added very much to the programme of the occasion, as it was generally remarked that they were not only fascinating in manner and graceful on the floor but possessed that style of beauty which is always characteristic of Kent ladies.—*Annapolis Republican.*

THE annual statement of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, published in this issue, shows that the year 1887 was the most prosperous one this company has ever enjoyed. The new business written amounted to $69,457,468.37, or an increase of $12,624,749 over the new business of 1886. The assets of the Mutual Life now aggregate the enormous sum of $118,806,851.88, making it by far the largest financial institution in the world. The company has now an outstanding insurance account amounting to $427,628,933. It received for premiums in 1887 the sum of $17,110,901, and its total income from all sources amounted to $23,070,922.46. It paid to its members during the year for death claims and endowments over $8,000,000, and the total payments to policy holders aggregated $14,128,323.60. The number of policies was increased to 149,943, the largest number, it is said, in any regular life insurance company in the world.

A NUMEROUSLY signed petition was forwarded last week by Chas. T. Westcott, Esq., to Hon. Charles H. Gibson, member of Congress from this district, asking an appropropriation to deepen and clean out Still Pond harbor, an arm of the Chesapeake bay, in this county, so as to allow vessels to reach the wharf at the head of the harbor, which lies in the centre of one of the largest peach growing districts in the State. Mr. Gibson promises to use his best efforts to secure the assistance asked for.

A PAIR of handsome polished brass hand rails have just been erected on the steps leading into the Protestant Episcopal Church in Chestertown, which will be a much appreciated improvement by many elderly persons who need some support in going up or down steps. The rails were presented to the church by Mrs. George B. Westcott. Mr. Wm. T. Sutton placed them in position in a very neat and substantial manner.

LUSCIOUS ORANGES.—Several boxes of fine oranges have been received from Mr. J. W. Crew (who is now in Florida) by friends in Kent. In one to his immediate family there was a branch eleven inches long, on which there were eleven oranges, which weighed 4¾ pounds. We acknowledge the receipt from the family of a lot of bouncers. Mr. C. has visited Tampa, on the Gulf coast, and other places of interest, and enjoyed the fine fishing and hunting. He expects to return home soon.

LARGE DEMAND FOR NURSERY STOCK.—We learn that Mr. N. Barnard has sold 27,000 peach trees to Michigan parties, and has received two more orders the past week—one for 15,000 and another for 10,900—which he cannot supply, his entire stock being disposed of. He had previously orders for 78,000 trees from Western Maryland, which will be shipped the coming spring.

LAST TUESDAY, the 14th, besides being Shrove Tuesday, was observed as "St. Valentine's Day," and "pan-cake day," also; but its observance as "St. Valentine's Day" was scarcely noticeable, so rapidly is this old custom dying out. There were not more than forty valentines sent through the town postoffice, and less than that number received, while the door-bells were allowed to rest from useless ringing.

THE protracted service at the M. P. Church is still continued and doing much good. Large congregations attended the services this week and Rev. C. R. Blades, of Kennedyville, has been present and preached on several evenings clear and forcible sermons. Rev. W. R. Graham, the pastor in charge, hopes to continue these services next week with increasing success.

SOME miscreant threw an old tin can through one of the front windows of Mr. Lofland's butcher shop last Sunday night, shattering a large glass. The one who did it deserves a term in the House of Correction.

THE variety entertainment given at Stam's Hall on Monday evening, by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dixie, drew only a moderate audience, but those present seemed to be well pleased with the performances.

THE measles are now prevalent in this county.

A REMARKABLE OLD LADY.—Mrs. Catherine Burke, age 103 years, who was severely injured by accidentally falling from the porch of the residence of her son, Mr. John C. Shanahan, near Reckord, on the 11th of December last, alighting on her head upon the stone flagging below, has entirely recovered and is going about again as usual. This venerable and remarkable old lady refused to allow a physician to be called in, saying she had never had any use of a doctor in her life and did not intend to break her established rule.—*Belair Regis.*

MARRIED.

At the Associate Reform Church, Baltimore, Feb. 9, 1888, by Rev. Wayland D. Ball HYLAND P. STEWART, formerly of this county, and Miss MAMIE ADAMS, of Baltimore city.

DIED.

At Rock Hall, Feb. 3, Mrs. HESTER ANN URIE, aged 59 years, widow of John Urie.

Recently, at the Kent county almshouse THOMAS PATTERSON, aged about 50 years.

On the Cruikshank Farm, in Quaker Neck, on Monday February 13, 1888, of paralysis, JOHN N. START, in the 48th year of his age. [Baltimore papers please copy.]

At the residence of her parents, at Golt's, Md., Feb. 8, of diabetes ANNIE R. SMITH, daughter of Charles H. and Emma Smith, aged 9 yrs. and 1 day.

At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel A. Merritt, Locust Grove, February 17th, instant, Mrs. HENRIETTA E. RASIN, aged about 56 years, widow of Unit Rasin, of St. Louis.

In Chestertown, Feb. 3, 1888, BERTHA CORNELIA, daughter of Edward and Mary L. Carr, aged 7 years, 1 month and 10 days.

Another little lamb is gone
To dwell with Him who gave;
Another little darling one
Is sheltered in the grave.

God needed one more angel child
Amidst his shining band,
And so he bent with loving smile,
And clasped our darling's hand.

Sleep, little Bertha, and take thy rest,
God called thee home. He thought it best.

CONCORD GRAPE CUTTINGS.

Superior Quality. Two years old.
For sale by F. HUMBERT,
at Chester Cemetery.
fe18-3t.

THE ORATORIO OF ESTHER,

"THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN,"

will be rendered by a
CLASS OF RESIDENT AMATEURS, under the direction of PROF. D. P. WYATT, in the TOWN HALL, MILLINGTON, MD.,
On THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, Feb. 23, 24 and 25.
Admission, 25 cts.; Reserved Seats, 35 cts.; Children under 12 years old, 15c. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Performance at 8 o'clock. fe18-2t.

Help a Good Cause!

A Delicious Turkey Supper for 25 Cents,

GIVEN by the Ladies of Westminster Presbyterian Church, on
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY EVEN'S,
February 22nd and 23d, at
ODD FELLOWS' ROOMS, Galena.
Entertainments each evening before supper by young people in Odd Fellows' Hall.
Admission only 15 cents; Children, under 6, free.
1t. By order, COMMITTEE.

GRAND MATINEE!

FAIRLEE—HALL—FAIRLEE!

SATURDAY AFTERNOON Feb. 25.

Doors open at 2 o'clock. Performance commences at 2.30 o'clock P. M.

THE FAIRLEE MINSTRELS will present on this occasion an entire change of Programme (with one or two exceptions, which are repeated by request). The New and Popular Songs entitled, I'll Take it In the Hands of my Attorney, and Don't Take de Left-Hand Road. Also The Banjo Gem, Everybody has a Trouble of His Own. These new selections will be for the first time be presented to a Kent county audience. In addition, one or two of the very old-time songs will be rendered.

Also, NEW FACES and SPECIALTIES.

This Matinee is given for the accommodation of ladies and children. Just before the last act twelve handsomely dressed Dolls, that are used in one of the plays, will be given to the twelve little girls holding the lucky numbers.

Admission, 25c.; Children under twelve, 15c. Programmes, giving full particulars, will be distributed at prominent places, prior to the entertainment.
Feb. 18, 1888—2t.

SOME GOOD ADVICE.

To every body here about,
And other people too,
Who like their footwear good and strong—
Go buy the Police Shoe.

If you want your feet both warm and dry,
I'll tell you what to do:
Just step around to SHAW'S and buy,
That noted Police Shoe.

There're statements made—some false, some true—
About the goods we sell;
But if you get the Police Shoe
You'll surely wear you well.

If my advice you will but take,
I'll simply say to you:
The best investment you can make,
Is in the Police Shoe.

The above, with many other kinds and styles of
Boots and Shoes!
IS NOW IN STORE AND FOR SALE.
☞We invite all who may need anything in our line to call and examine our stock. Remember the place.
JAMES A. SHAW,
fe18-tf. Court Street, Chestertown.

A LARGE LOT
—OF—
Prime Cypress Fencing
NOW ON HAND.
☞**PRICES AND ESTIMATES**☜
—FOR—
LUMBER, SHINGLES,
DOORS, SASH, BLINDS,
DOOR and WINDOW FRAMES,
for building purposes, furnished with pleasure.
Do not buy until you have given me an opportunity to figure on your bill.
My stock is SEASONED and WELL MANUFACTURED and embraces every variety of Building Material.
T. W. ELIASON, Jr.
Feb. 18, 1888.

M. A. TOULSON,
Druggist and Apothecary.
LARGE VARIETY
PATENT MEDICINES!
AND FURNISHED AT SHORT NOTCE.
Toilet Articles! Toilet Articles!
the VERY BEST, and EVERYTHING that is kept in a well furnished Drug Store.
☞**PERSCRIPTION DEPARTMENT!**
This is under my individual supervision.
Very respectfully.
M. A. TOULSON,
Feb. 18, 1888. CHESTERTOWN.

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All GOOD BUTTER-MAKERS to call at H. A. SPARKS', under the NEWS office. We think it will pay you to do so. H. A. SPARKS.
Feb. 4, 1888—tf.

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