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THE RAILROAD.

The New Scheme Proposed—A Brief History of the Old Kent Co. R. R—What it Proposed to Do, but Did Not—What it Cost, etc.

Nothing more definite than that given in the NEWS last week has been learned relative to the railroad revolution in Kent. The *talk* has been general all along the line. In Clayton, Wilmington and Philadelphia, the subject is a fruitful theme for discussion in railroad circles, and there are strong reasons for believing the deal is genuine and much will come of it.

But, with our knowledge of like agitations in past years, we are inclined to be apprehensive. It may result in nothing after all. The Jersey Central may be simply "goading" the Pennsylvania for a purpose. However, it cannot be long, if the movement is tangible, before practical developments will show the real fire behind the smoke.

A dispatch from Philadelphia says: "President Maxwell of the New Jersey Central Railroad Company has made an agreement with E. Thielens, of Philadelphia, to develop the Baltimore & Delaware and Smyrna & Delaware bay railroads in connection with New Jersey Central system. These two roads will be consolidated and reorganized under the name of the Delaware, New York & Boston Company. The road runs from Smyrna to Tolchester via Chestertown and on the Chesapeake bay, and from Smyrna to Bombay Hook on the Delaware, where a large float will take the cars over to Bayside, the terminus of the Jersey Southern. The road traverses one of the most fertile regions of the Peninsula, and will absorb a large portion of the peach business. The calculation is to deliver all truck shipped over this road during the day at 3 o'clock the following morning in Jersey city. Through freight to Boston via the Poughkeepsie bridge will reach Boston seven hours ahead of any schedule now in operation."

The Wilmington *Morning News* says: "In connection with the above project it is rumored that the steamer Richard Stockton will make Bombay Hook its terminus."

The Smyrna *Times* of Wednesday says:

Al Morrison, the well known bridge builder of New Castle, was down to Woodland Beach a week or so ago prospecting the ground at the railroad terminus there with the view of making a bid on the pier for which contracts will be issued, so he understood. With this was also coupled the information about board for workmen at the hotel.

Mr. Campbell, the proprietor of the Woodland Beach hotel, tells us that during the past few weeks several parties have come down there who seemed to be interested in the railroad terminus, depth of water, whether seven feet or not, who kept away from the hotel and did not seem to want to be known. One or two of these parties came across the river in boats from Bayside, the terminus of the Jersey Southern Road.

We have no positive information from those interested, but the parties composing the syndicate seem to be the New Jersey Central, the Richmond Terminal and the Central Georgia road, whose object is to get a direct route to New York for Southern products from Georgia and other Southern points. It is claimed that freight can be put through over this line from five to six hours sooner than over the lines it now has to pass. If so, it will prove a great desideratum for marketing early fruits and vegetables.

A brief review of the history of county railroad matters will not be out of place in this connection. The Maryland legislature granted a charter for the Kent Co. Railroad in 1863, and it was subsequently amended, and the Delaware legislature authorized a connection with the Delaware "within four miles of Townsend." The State appropriation which was available for this improvement and which was received by the company amounted to $101,000; Kent county paid another $100,000, and the private subscriptions to stock was about $80,000, which with the donation of land for route would swell the latter amount to $100,000, making a total of $300,000 in hard cash which the people of Kent county have "invested" in this enterprise. The additional thousands of the cost of the road, amounting to somewhere near a million dollars, was in bonds of the road, stock, etc.

One of the greatest difficulties in the preliminary movement for the building of the road was the *location* of the route. A strong party favored what was called the "ridge route." Another, equally strong, insisted upon the "curved route," that is, a line that would take in the centres of population, &c. At the first meeting Sept. 11, 1866, called by the commissioners under the charter, for the purpose of organization, there was an exciting contest in the election of directors. Every shareholder was entitled to one vote, and nearly four hundred votes were polled, resulting in the election of Gen'l George Vickers, president, R. Hynson, Esq., treasurer, and Messrs. D. C. Blackiston, Isaac Parsons and Thos. J. Shallcross, directors, they being the only ones receiving a majority vote. Another meeting was held Sept. 26, at which 365 votes were cast and Wm. B. Wilmer, Chas. Beaston and T. W. Eliason were elected and a tie vote between W. T. Spry and W. P. Francis necessitated a third meeting for the election of the seventh director, which resulted in the choice of Mr. Spry.

In November, 1866, the first call was made for $2.50 per share on the stock subscription; in June, '67, another levy of twenty-five per cent. was made and others at intervals, until all was consumed. Preliminary surveys for the line of the road were previously made and in January, '67, the board of directors caused other lines to be run from Masseys—one deflecting from Chestertown to a bay terminus on the farm then belonging to Mr. W. P. Francis, and another about a mile east of Belair to Rock Hall.

In Jan., '68, the board advertised for proposals "for building the Kent County Railroad, a distance of thirty-six miles, commencing at the Delaware line and running via Masseys, Kennedyville, Chestertown and near Belair to Deep Landing, on Swan Creek, including a pile wharf at the latter place." A contract was made April 24, '68. This contract was for 32.09 miles of main track, running as stated; also the side tracks, wharf, turn-table, engine house, water stations, and all the depot buildings, the entire work to be completed for $548,000—of which $169,332 was to be paid in cash, 98,640 in county bonds and the balance, $280,028, in the bonds of the company. The sections from Masseys to Chestertown were to be completed by the 1st of January, '69, and the balance during the year '69. The contractors were Messrs. A. F. Sears, Peter Sanford and Rodman Backus, of Newark, N. J. The proposed cost of the different sections of the road was as follows:

From Masseys to Kennedyville, 9.149 miles, $16,271.58 per mile,	$155,272.98
Kennedyville to Dwyer's, 6.025 miles at $15,803.04 per mile	95,213.31
Dwyer's to Chestertown, 4.108 miles, at $15,089.17 per mile	64,003.34
Chestertown to near Bel Air, 4.285 miles, at $18,667.21 per mile,	80,007.65
Bel Air to Battershall Hill, 2.599 miles at $19,255.55 per mile	48,383.89
Thence to Deep Landing, 6.022 miles at $17,455.89 per mile,	105,118.83
Total	$548,000.00

The contract included the switch to the river and wharf at Chestertown. The fight in the board of directors now was for the point of *beginning* for the work. Abel J. Rees, Esq., and others, advocated a commencement at Rock Hall, but a majority favored other points and it was finally decided that the work should commence at Masseys and Chestertown. The original contractors did very little work before they threw up, and the company then took hold and constructed the road from Masseys to Lynch's Station, and the excavation to Chestertown. A new contract was then made with Messrs. Paiter & Co., of Philadelphia, who completed the road to Chestertown, laid the track to Fairlee, and graded it below that point to near Herring Pond, whence it had been diverted from Deep Landing (Rock Hall). "Herring Pond" is near Tolchester, and is only half as far from Fairlee as Deep Landing. At this Herring Pond bay terminus a mud machine did some work and a quantity of timber for piling and lumber for wharf was gathered, and in after years was the source of litigation. This is the nearest the road ever came to the securement and completion of its Chesapeake bay terminus.

In April, 1870, daily trains were run from Townsend to Kennedyville and connection was made with Chestertown from that point. The road was completed to Chestertown Feb. 1, 1872, but the directors did not accept the work until the 20th of the same month, when the first passenger trains were run.

May 16, 1868, the following new board of directors was elected: Geo. Vickers, T. W. Eliason, Isaac Parsons, J. B. Fennimore, Wm. B. Wilmer, Wm. Janvier, Abel J. Rees and Thos. J. Shallcross. Up to this time Mr. Vickers had served as president of the company, but as he was elected United States Senator on the 6th of March previous, and was now closely confined to his duties in Washington in the impeachment trial of President Johnson, Mr. T. W. Eliason was elected president, and served about three months, when he resigned. The late Isaac Parsons was elected and served in the presidential office until the next election. Mr. J. L. Stam, also, for some time served as president, afterwards the road fell into the hands of foreign parties. The road was sold at public sale Feb. 15, 1877, and was purchased by Messrs. John W. Sterling and R. Hynson, trustees for certain first mortgage bond holders, for $33,450.

The legislature of 1870 granted a charter to the "Bay Extension Railroad Company" to complete the road from Fairlee to Rock Hall. This company's capital was named at $125,000, and the incorporators were Messrs. George Vickers, A. J. Rees, and J. T. Richards, of Kent; A. P. Sharp, of Baltimore, and J. H. T. Jackson, of Philadelphia, but nothing ever came of it.

Wilmington M. E. Conference.

The twenty-first annual session of the Wilmington Conference M. E. Church opened on Wednesday morning in Ebenezer M. E. Church, Easton, Bishop Randolph S. Foster, presiding, and conducting the devotional exercises. J. D. Rigg was re-elected secretary and A. S. Mowbray and E. C. McNichol assistants. At the morning session the charges were called and the statistics and benevolent collections were handed in. The afternoon session was given to the anniversary of the Conference Historical Society, of which Rev. B. F. Price is president. Rev. R. W. Todd read an interesting historical sketch of the M. E. Church in Easton. In the evening the Sunday-school, tract and Bible anniversary was held. Rev. J. T. Van Burkalow was in the chair, and Dr. J. L. Hurlbutt and Rev. Thomas Myers, the speakers. We have only the first day's proceedings.

The Prohibition Fight.

The result of the vote in New Hampshire last week upon the constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture or sale of any liquor except cider was the defeat of the amendment by a large majority. The country will watch with interest the result of the voting on the same subject in other States. Massachusetts will vote upon the question of adding a prohibition amendment to the constitution on April 22, and Pennsylvania on June 18. Later in the year Connecticut is expected to vote upon a similar question in consequence of action taken by the present Legislature. Kansas adopted prohibition amendments in 1880, Iowa in 1882, Ohio in 1883, Maine in 1884, Rhode Island in 1886, and Dakota in 1885, but Michigan, Texas, Tennessee, Oregon and West Virginia in 1887 gave a large majority against prohibition. North Carolina gave her majority of 116,071 against prohibition in 1881, but there is a growing tendency to prefer high license or local option to a general enactment.

Presidential Appointments.

The President has sent the following nominations to the Senate: Whitelaw Reid, editor of the New York *Tribune*, to succeed Mr. McLane as minister to France. Frederick D. Grant, of New York, son of the late Gen. U. S. Grant, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Austria-Hungary. John C. New, of Indiana, to be consul-general of the United States at London.

A BALTIMORE BRIG LOST.—During the severe northeast storm on the Atlantic coast Thursday afternoon of last week the American brig Agnes Barton, bound to Baltimore with a cargo of phosphates from Navassa, was driven ashore on Virginia Beach at Mill Dam Neck, life-saving station No. 3, on the Virginia coast, south of Cape Henry, and before all the crew could be transferred to shore by the life-saving apparatus Capt. Humphrey B. Knight and five of the crew were washed overboard by the terrific seas breaking over the ship and were drowned. The remainder of the crew of four men were safely landed in the breeches buoy, and are being cared for at the station. The family of Capt. Knight live in Baltimore and consist of Mrs. Knight and five children, one of whom is an infant. None of the crew are known to belong to Baltimore. The body of Captain Knight was washed ashore Monday afternoon at Whale's Head, N. C., thirty miles south of the point where he was drowned.

HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER.—The Hodges dead have been removed from the old family graveyard at Liberty Hall, near Rock Hall, to St. Paul's Cemetery, and Gaddess Brothers have just completed for their lineal descendants, ex-Mayor James Hodges and Robert Hodges, of Baltimore, a monument of pure Italian marble to be erected over the remains. The monument is of cottage design, eight feet high, and rests on a rustic base and sub-base. The dead represent five generations of the family—from 1697 to 1832—and the monument is appropriately inscribed. The spirit which actuated the Messrs. Hodges in carrying out their design is fully illustrated in the filial inscription on the reverse of the die-block: "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God hath given thee."

A GOOD REPORT.—The entertainment given last week by the M. P. Mite Society at Sassafras was largely attended and the ladies realized about $100.

SEE real estate sales next Tuesday.

VENDUE. — Wm. M. Slay, Esq., administrator, will sell the personalty of the late Mary R. Perkins on Thursday, April 4.

SALE OF A TOWN LOT.—The Rachel Berry lot on Queen street extended was sold on Tuesday at tax collector's sale, by R. D. Hynson, Esq., attorney for S. Lecates, and purchased by Mr. H. M. Stuart for $223.

DISSOLVED.—The Baltimore commission firm of Crew & Loane has been dissolved and Mr. Crew is now with Messrs. Stevens Brothers, where he solicits consignments. He is a first-class salesman.

SHAD IN CHURN CREEK.—Messrs. Jas. and Jos. Hughes while fishing a gill net for perch and other small fish in Churn creek on the 15th inst. caught a seven pound shad. It is the first shad known to have been caught in Churn creek by the oldest settlers in that locality. Also, a German carp of fine size was caught at the same dip.

FISHING ENTERPRISE.—Messrs. Joseph R. Usilton, Wm. B. Stephens and Theodore Pennepacker have formed a copartnership in fishing pounds and fikes from the shores of Mr. Adam Diehl on Plum Point. They expect to make a large catch of Spring fish that frequent the shores of the upper Chesapeake.

SALE OF A HORSE.—Mr. Willard H. Scotten, proprietor of the Crumpton hotel, (Kent side), sold to Mr. Sol. Pippin, of Easton, Md., last week, his dark brown horse Bill, for the snug sum of $600. He is a very handsome horse, can go in 2.50, is a good driver, and withal very gentle. The horse was raised by Mr. C. W. Spry, and sold to Mr. S. by him several years ago, for $150 cash.

SHOT A GOOSE.—Mr. W. H. Lambert, Jr., discovered a flock of wild geese in the river, near the Queen Anne's shore opposite Chestertown, last Wednesday, and succeded in shooting one. It weighed 9lbs. It is a rare thing for such a bird to be killed so near town, and Harry was very justly proud of his achievement.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.—The Baltimore Conference of M. E. Church South, held at Alexandria, Va., adjourned on Tuesday. We find the following among the appointments: Kent, W. L. Dolly; Queen Anne's J. C. Thrasher, C. L. Kennard; Church Hill, S. B. Dolly. Rev. W. H. Sanders, who has been in Kent for several years, is sent to Prince George's.

THE NEW CLOTHING HOUSE under the KENT NEWS office is now open, and Mr. J. W. Bordley will be glad to see his friends and public generally. He represents one of the largest and best clothing concerns in the country, and proposes to offer this community such a high grade of goods at such reasonable prices as to leave none with an excuse for going to the city for their clothing. Call and see him.

PEACH GROWERS have found out recently some of the great advantages of using the right kind of fertilizer for peach trees. Messrs. T. R. Hubbard & Son advertise in another column their Fruit Grower, and recommend it especially for orchards. They name several of our largest fruit growers who have used their reliable goods with great satisfaction. Read the advertisement.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE NOTES.—Mr. J. H. Rose, secretary of the Mt. Vernon Literary Society, has received a letter from ex-Mayor Hodges, of Baltimore, declining the invitation to deliver the annual address. Mr. Hodges states that his delay in replying was in the hope that he might see his way clear to accept, but business engagements will prevent.

H. H. Barroll, Esq., has presented the athletic association with a set of quoits.—This laudable association expected to receive their implements for exercise yesterday, and the members are all ready now to stretch their limbs, expand the lungs or break their necks!

THE POSTOFFICES.—A lively fight is now going on at Rock Hall for postoffice honors. The first object is to get the office back into the village, and the second is to supercede Mr. Samuel J. Wickes by a good and true republican. The two prominent applicants are Messrs. Abe Casey and John Downey, both of whom have stores in Rock Hall. Each is backed with a long petition and strong local influence.

The Chestertown office is of course the biggest thing in the county in the way of postoffices which our Republican friends will fall heir to. The office salary is $1,400, out of which is to be paid a considerable sum for office expenses. Postmaster Fowler's term expires next January, and it is not probable that he will be disturbed before that time. A number of names have been mentioned for his successor, among them Messrs. H. M. Thomas, W. H. Lambert, S. F. Smith, J. B. Burchinal, Hiram Brown, and others.

SHOT IN THE MOUTH.—Samuel Clark, a colored man employed on Mr. C. F. Stam's farm, was blowing down his gun barrel last Thursday to see if the tube was clear when the thing went off! The tube happened to be too near the fire at the time. Sam had drawn the charge of shot, and it was only the powder that tried to do duty in blowing his head off. He was badly burned in the mouth, but Dr. Chas. W. Whaland fixed him up and he went home glad it was no worse. Sam says he is an unlucky dog anyway, and must be destined to some violent death as this is the third time he has narrowly escaped with his life, to say nothing of numerous tree falls and such light casualties! Several years ago a great stone came crashing down upon him, but only caught one foot; shortly after that he fell from a tall building and was flat of his back for three months from the effects. What his next affliction will be Sam don't know, but he will not blow down a loaded gun barrel again soon!

ORPHANS' COURT, March 19, 1889.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett.

W. M. Slay, adm'r of Mary R. Perkins, filed inventory of personal property of his decedent, and obtained an order of sale. I. H. Leaverton and J. C. Loud, adm'rs of Isaac Cordray, filed releases from Wm. E. and Alfred C. Loud, Thos. Numbers, adm'r of Wm. S. Green, passed his first and final adm'r and dividend account. H. H. Barroll, adm'r of Jane Moore and Jas. L. Schwatka, passed his first and final adm'r account. T. H. Horsey and Samuel Todd were appointed to appraise the personal estate of John M. and Araminta E. J. Armstrong.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met Tuesday, full board present. Board executed a contract with Joseph Venable to fill in and grade Sandy Hook Hill, and to widen the road as returned by the examiners. Wm. M. Johnson, J. P., acting as coroner, returned inquisition taken by him on the body of Joseph Meguire, at Golt's Station; verdict that he came to his death from apoplexy. Wm. H. Palmer, wharf master at Chestertown, returned his report under oath for the year ending March 19, which was accepted. J. Frank Wheatley, collector, returned jail bond coupons for July and January interest, which were ordered to be credited to his levy; coupons were destroyed by president of board. Richard Sanders, colored, obtained an order for pension for 1886. Ann Garrison, colored, obtained an order for pension on record mendation. The board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for levy and for transfer of property.

A Prolific Cause of Fire.

"What caused the fire?" is one of the first inquiries after a conflagration, and the frequent answer is, "a defective chimney." This answer is literally correct *sometimes*—not always. In publishing an account of a recent fire in the NEWS we gave this as the cause—a defective chimney. This was the reason reported to us and we stated it accordingly. It now turns out to be altogether incorrect. It was not the fault of the chimney in this case, but the result of a bad practice. The householder had stopped the stove-pipe hole by *pasting a piece of muslin over it*; this caught fire in the absence of the family, fell upon the floor, and in a little while the house and all the furniture were in ashes. The chimney was not to blame. It was the thoughtless act of using inflammable material as a substitute for brick or tin in stopping up the stove pipe hole, that caused it.

Every one will admit the danger of such practice, but, strange to say, many are guilty of this very thing. Possibly in many dwellings in Kent county to-day these rag or paper stoppers are used. Stoves are taken down for the summer and a convenient thing at hand—paper or rag—is used to cover the aperture. Fires in lower rooms are continued, and that building is under what the insurance people would term "risk extra hazardous."

A word to the wise is sufficient. This article may save some reader of the NEWS a terrible calamity if the warning be heeded. Your property and your lives are in danger so long as such practice is allowed. Then look into the matter. The sooner the better.

NEW POSTOFFICES. — A new postoffice called Overton has been established at Eastern Neck Island bridge, and Mr. Wilford M. Willson appointed postmaster. The place is about six miles south of Rock Hall and will save the people on the Island a long ride for their mail matter. A postoffice has also been established at Black's Station, with Mr. S. E. Graves as postmaster.

RELIABLE FERTILIZERS.—Mr. Fred. Fountain again offers to the farmers and fruit growers of this section the high grade fertilizers of the well known house of R. J. Baker & Co. Mr. Fountain says he has had ample opportunity to learn of the business methods of this firm, and the character of the goods manufactured by them, and that they are unexcelled for reliability—and fair dealing. Note the different brands now offered and mentioned in another column.

REMOVAL.—Chas. A. Roush has removed his jewelry store to 38 W. Lexington street, Baltimore. The great increase in his business necessitated more roomy quarters and he is now better able to accommodate his customers. Mr. Roush is a practical watchmaker and jeweler and keeps a fine stock in store, and is besides a clever gentleman. Call and see him. Remember his new number.

FARM HARDWARE.—J. K. Aldridge took us through his ware rooms some days ago and astonished us by the large display of goods. Three or four rooms in the second story are literally packed with farm hardware and implements. Shovels, spades, forks, hoes, &c., in great quantities, have been manufactured to his order, and contain his signature stamped in the metal, which he states are of very superior material and make, and can be sold by him now to the farm direct at less prices than he could heretofore buy them. A look through Mr. Aldridge's first floor stock will give some idea of his stove and tinware business but it requires a visit to the crowded rooms of the second story to realize what he is doing in the line of farm hardware. His stock is not excelled in quality or quantity on the Eastern Shore.

ROAD CARTS.—Mr. P. B. Gibson, of Jarrettsville, Md., has something extra in the way of road carts and wants agents to sell them in Kent. He says his work cannot be excelled and his prices defy competition.

WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER.—D. T. Williamson, practical watchmaker, jeweler and engraver, is located on cross street near Bordley's corner, and has a nice line of goods in stock. Read his card.

ANNIVERSARY.—Christ Church M. P. Sunday School anniversary will be held on Sunday evening, March 31.

THE MAGISTRATES' COURT.—Justice T. S. Dodd has disposed of the following cases this week:

Mathew Williams, col., for furnishing prisoners with implements with which to escape, held for court.

T. J. Parsons, constable, for assaulting W. Blackiston, colored, at Worton Station, not guilty. Blackiston was shown to have been the aggressor in interfering with the officer.

Bud Porter, Snap Lloyd and Elec Chaney were arrested by officer Simpson for disorderly conduct on the street in Chestertown last Saturday night, and the fine and costs were as follows; Bud $6.07, Snap $4.87, Elec $4.75. These chaps may learn after awhile that this is a civilized community.

Justice Beck, at Worton Station, held W. Blackiston, colored for court, for assaulting officer T. J. Parsons.

The Postoffices.

The following list shows the situation in regard to the postoffices in Maryland the appointment to which is made by the President, the expiration of their commissions and their salaries. It will be seen that all of the present postmasters have some time to run if they are permitted to serve out their terms. Annapolis, Richard Welsh, $2,300, January 6, 1891; Baltimore, Frank Brown, $5,000, May 6, 1890; Bel Air, John S. Richardson, $1,300, January 6, 1891; Cambridge, William T. Johnson, $1,400, January 19, 1891; Centreville, Daniel C. Hopper, $1,400, January 13, 1890; Chestertown, Lewin S. Fowler, $1,400, January 13, 1890; Cumberland, Asahel Willison, $2,300, April 14, 1890; Easton, James H. Covington, $1,600, January 13, 1890; Elkton, Henry H. Gilpin, $1,500, January 13, 1890; Frederick, Emmitsburg, James A. Elder, $1,000. February 24, 1892; Frederick, R. Brown Henderson, $2,300, January 20, 1891; Hagerstown, Wm. P. Lane, $2,300, February 22, 1891; Havre de Grace, Joseph F. Woodrow, $1,300, February 9, 1892; Port Deposit, A. L. Barry, $1,100, January 13, 1890; Salisbury, Granville R. Rider, $1,600, April 14, 1890; Towsontown, Samuel J. Robinson, $1,100, July 21, 1892; Westminster, Joseph B. Boyle, $1,600, February 19, 1890; Lonaconing, Patrick Hamili, $1,100, May, 10, 1892.

COL. ARTHUR JOHN WILLIS, one of the wealthiest and best known citizens of Caroline county, died at his home in Potter's Landing last Saturday afternoon, in the 76th year of his age. The cause of his death was paralysis. Col. Willis was twice elected to the State Senate and once to the House of Delegates. His wealth consisted in valuable real estate in Caroline county and $100,000 worth of stock in the Northern Pacific Railroad. He leaves a widow and two married daughters—Mrs. B. Gotee Stevens and Mrs. R. M. Merrick, both of Caroline county.

THERE were $26,000 left over from the inauguration fund, which sum has been paid over to the commissioners of the District. The fund is to be invested, and the interest devoted to relieving the poor of Washington.

Personal Mention.

J. A. Pearce, Esq., is expected home today from his Southern trip.

Dr. Harry L. Dodd graduates in Philadelphia, April 4th.

Miss Lucie Martindale, of Salisbury, is visiting the family of Dr. A. R. Todd, of Millington.

Mr. Hugh Wallace left for Philadelphia on Wednesday, where he will pursue his trade as carpenter.

Mr. N. W. Comegys, Mrs. S. J. Hill, and Mrs. George Roeder, of Locust Grove, have been on the sick list, but are improving.

Capt. Isaac S. Rogers, of Fairlee, who has been quite ill, was reported better yesterday. The captain is eighty-two years old.

Miss Lillian Hynson, who spent the winter in Baltimore with Miss Quinlan, of Third street, returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Webb, mother-in-law of Mr. Jas. W. Chapman, has been dangerously ill for a week past and is no better at this writing.

Dr. George T. Perkins, who has been under treatment at the Maryland Hospital, returned to his home on Saturday last, much improved.

Mr. B. F. H. Caulk has been elected delegate from Warwick circuit to the Methodist Protestant conference which meets at Lynchburg, Va., April 3.

Rev. W. H. Sanders and wife, of Chesterville, have been in Alexandria, Va., attending conference, and Mr. Alday Clements and wife left for the same place on Monday.

Rev. R. W. Todd, accompanied by his wife, left here on Tuesday for the seat of the Wilmington conference at Easton. Arrangements have been made for supplying his pulpit to-morrow.

Messrs. J. F. Howard and J. W. Lambert rode down to Hail Point last Monday and spent the week in ducking sport. If the "sport" was akin to the weather it was pretty rough.

Rev. E. W. Gaylord, formerly in charge of the Georgetown and Kennedyville Presbyterian churches, spent a day or two in Chestertown this week on business. He has recently accepted a call to a desirable new charge in Wrightsville, Pa. He was very popular while in Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. M. deK. Smith, Messrs. C. M. Lucas and M. Wilber Thomas, and Misses Ella and Laura Thomas, propose to leave by rail this morning for the Wilmington conference at Easton. They engaged accommodations in advance.

Rev. Thos. O. Crouse, of Centreville, has been lying dangerously ill for some weeks past and his physician, Dr. Bordley, entertained grave fears as to the result. His numerous friends here are very anxious about him. We learned yesterday that his symptoms were more favorable.

Mr. John W. Perry, of Centreville, met with a painful accident one day last week. While getting over a fence the top rail broke, causing him to lose his balance, and in falling he struck a stake which had been driven into the ground, severely bruising his side. He has since been confined to the house and suffering considerable pain.

Cards are out for the marriage of Rev. A. W. Mather to Miss Sallie Belle Harper, at the M. P. Church, Seaford, Delaware, April 2, at 9 A. M. Rev. Mr. Mather was formerly pastor at St. James'. Miss Harper is the daughter of Mr. Thos. R. Harper, of Seaford, and has warm friends in Chestertown where she has visited. She is a most estimable young lady.

The Rev. George W. Todd, son of Rev. R. W. Todd, of Chestertown, has been admitted to membership in the Philadelphia conference and stationed at East Manch Chunk, where he had a call. He has recently graduated from Drew Seminary and is a young minister of fine promise. The Rev. S. W. Thomas, D. D., was reappointed presiding elder of the North Philadelphia district.

W. W. Busteed, Esq., of Centreville, and Mr. Wm. Gould, of Spaniard's Neck, Queen Anne's county, were in town last Monday on business. Mr. G. has the reputation of being generally the first farmer in Queen Anne's to plant corn, and never fails in a good crop. Mr. Busteed says he does not hold any of the Hulless-oats notes; he has held a number, but they have long since passed out of his hands with other commercial paper in dealings with Baltimore business houses. He entertains no doubt whatever of the ability of all innocent holders of such paper recovering the full amount in every case.

DIED.

At the Aged Men's Home, Baltimore, Feb. 22, Prof. E. D. TARR. Deceased taught the school at Chesterville some years ago and was well known in that vicinity.

At his home in Skinner's Neck, March 10, JAMES HUTCHENS, in in the 79th year of his age.

At his home near Piney Neck Church, March 10, LUTHER A. KENDALL, aged 52 years.

At Worton, March 17, at the residence of his parents, JOHN HENRY, beloved son of Thomas J. and Eliza Parsons, aged 7 weeks.

Death of Lester Jarman.

On the 16th of March, 1889, at 10 o'clock A. M., LESTER, son of J. W. and Agnes Jarman, aged 20 years and 5 months.

His death was very sudden and unexpected. He had not been well for several months, yet had not been confined to his bed a day or two before his death. He had several physicians; one thought he had heart disease, another consumption. He leaves a father, mother, two sisters and three brothers to mourn his loss. He never, so far as I know, professed religion, or thought seriously of dying. He often said "he did not know what made him so weak." When death carries to the tomb those we love, we sit down to contemplate our loss; without an effort we begin to recount the excellencies that graced the life that is no more. We weep and wonder that we did not recognize and appreciate them more. It was my privilege to know Mr. Jarman but a short time and my estimate of him as a man is made up in part by the high regard in which he was held by the community. His genial spirit, sweet disposition, and pleasant manners, caused him to be loved and held in high esteem by all who knew him. While he was generally admired, those who knew him best saw more of the beauty and excellence of his character. How necessary it is to obey the command, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth." The family have our heart-felt sympathy. Once the flowers of their cheerful home is gone, and with bitter grief they will feel that there has gone from their home that which will never return. The pall bearers were, Messrs. Edward Cooper, Albert and Charley Medders, Washington Pennington, George Harrison and John Sudler. The funeral was on Monday afternoon, by the Rev. Mr. Merritt, whose text was "Let thy house be in order, for thou shalt die and not live." The interment was in Galena Cemetery. A FRIEND.

REV. MR. MUNFORD will have service at St. Paul's Church on next Sunday Morning at 10½ o'clock. 1t.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY. — The 19th Anniversary of the Juvenile Missionary Society of Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown, will be held SUNDAY EVENING, March 31, beginning at 7.30 o'clock. The public are invited. 2t.

NOTICE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, IS HEREBY GIVEN, that all plundering and marauding upon the Farm of the undersigned at Harmony Corner, must cease from this date—and that hereafter all Persons caught so offending, may expect to encounter a vigorous prosecution under the law. THOMAS STOCKTON WICKES.
Chestertown, March 19, 1889—3t.

A CARD.

BALTIMORE, March 14, 1889.

DEAR SIR:—The firm of CREW & LOANE having dissolved by Mutual Consent, I desire to inform my friends and the public that I am now interested with Messrs. STEVENS BROTHERS, and will give my personal attention to Orders and Consignments as usual. A continuance of your patronage thankfully received. Yours very truly, A. P. CREW.
m23-3t.

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BY VIRTUE of an order of the Orphans' Court of Kent county, the undersigned as administrator of the goods and chattels of Mrs. Mary R. Perkins, late of Kent county, deceased, will sell at Public Sale on the farm of said deceased, adjoining Chestertown,

On THURSDAY, 4th of April, 1889,

the Personal Property of said deceased consisting in part of the following:

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1 Bay Mare, three years old; 1 Sorrel Mare, four years old; 1 Sorrel Horse, four years old; 2 Bay Mares good workers and brood mares; 1 Sorrel horse, 1 Black Horse, 1 Pair Mules, 2 Colts, six months old;

ONE MILCH COW,

1 Wheat Drill, 1 Dearborn, 1 Farm Wagon and Hay Rigging, Horse-cart and Harness, 1 Hinge Harrow, Cider Press, 1 Single Carriage, 1 Double Carriage, nearly new; Chilled Plows, Cultivators, Wagon and Plow Harness.

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Adm'r of Mary R. Perkins.
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