Kent News.

CHESTERTOWN - MARCH 29, 1890

SENATOR JOHN WALTER SMITH would make an admirable State Treasurer.

A FRIGHTFUL STORM swept over portions of the West last Thursday. A cyclone struck Louisville, Ky., and many lives were lost. The devastation of property was terrific.

Welcome!

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church meets in Chestertown next week, and the occasion is looked forward to with much interest by the whole community. Most of the members of the conference are expected to arrive by the steamer Ford next Tuesday afternoon. Our people, without regard to denomination, will extend the conference a cordial welcome to Chestertown and entertain the members with characteristic hospitality.

Well Done!

The Maryland Legislature will be thanked by all good citizens for abolishing the pool rooms. The evils growing out of these foul sinks of iniquity are patent to the most casual observer, and a city paper well says that "they are so palpable, flagrant and scandalous that it is a matter of surprise that they were not long ago crushed out of existence." The law is general, and the pool room must now be regarded as one of the evils of the past, not only in Baltimore city, but, as the law says, "in all incorporated towns." This, fortunately, takes in Chestertown.

REPORTED DEFALCATION OF STATE TREASURER ARCHER!

Governor Jackson sent a special message to both houses of the Legislature on Wednesday night asking for an investigation of the affairs of the State treasurer's office, on report made to him by the Comptroller, relating to the misapplication of sinking fund securities. A joint committee of five was appointed, three Delegates and two Senators, to take into consideration the subject matter of the investigation. Treasurer Archer was reported to be sick at his home in Harford county. The message from the Governor came like a shock to the members of the Legislature, and the scene in the House, which was full of people, was almost indescribable. Comptroller Baughman said he did not know the condition of the State securities, because they were locked up in the safe deposit vault in Baltimore and no one but the Treasurer could have access to it. The bond of the State treasurer is $200,000. His sureties are Murry Vandiver, Edwin H. Webster, Joseph M. Streett, Henry W. Archer, Jr., S. A. Williams, Allen Hoffman, J. Thomas C. Hopkins and Patrick H. Howard. The involvment of the name of State Treasurer Archer with an illegitimate use of the funds of the State was so unexpected to every one that his friends are not yet able to fully realize it. Whatever the amount of the defalcation the State is secured.

THE defeat of the Blair educational bill by the United States Senate last week will end for this session a legislative nightmare that has oppressed a great many people in and out of Congress for eight years. It would have been impossible to treat it seriously if the Senate had not passed it several times in previous Congresses. Its defeat now shows the utility of protracted discussion of measures that propose great changes in public policy. For years the Senate has held that the bill was a wise measure. Some thought it was because it would tend to eradicate illiteracy; others because it would strengthen the influence of the Republican party in the South. The second reason was more potent with many, perhaps than the first. But the sober thought of the country has at last had its weight with the Senate, and we shall now be rid of the Blair bill, it is hoped, for good. The vote was yeas 31, nays 37.

CHARGED WITH SELLING LIQUOR WITHOUT GOVERNMENT LICENSE.—United State Marshal Cairnes, of Baltimore, arrested on Tuesday, H. Page Rea, Wm. A. Lane and Jacob Smith, of Cambridge, charged with violating the revenue laws by selling liquor without government license. The prisoners were taken to Baltimore by steamer Tuesday night. Rea had been previously arrested by the county authorities, charged with violating the liquor law, and was out on bail for his appearance at the coming April term of court. Lane is a cripple, having lost both arms above the elbows in a railroad accident. The marshal also took to Baltimore Anthony M. Vincent, of Linkwood district, charged with having opened letters of a resident of that district while acting as assistant postmaster at that place.

TAKING THE CENSUS.—The actual work of enumerating the population for the 11th census will not begin until Monday, June 2, but the census office in Washington has been engaged for nearly a year in making preparations for it. The enumerating districts have been made much smaller than those of the last census and the work will be done in a much shorter time. According to law each enumerator will receive two cents for each living inhabitant, five cents for each death, fifteen cents for each farm, twenty cents for each establishment of productive industry, and five cents for each surviving soldier, sailor or marine returned by him. The enumerators will probably be able to make from $3.50 to $4 per day.

EX-GOVERNOR WILLIAM A. WALLACE was in New York a few days ago, but was noncommittal on the question of Pennsylvania politics and his own prospects for the Democratic nomination for Governor. "Democratic prospects in the State are good," he said, "from what I have heard since my return, but I have taken no active part and have been too busy to be well informed." The ex-Senator would not be interviewed concerning probable nominations beyond saying to a friend that he should "make no fight for the nomination." But it is known that Mr. Wallace's friends will push him for the nomination, on the ground that he is the ablest and most available man that could be put forward.

STILL REDUCING THE SURPLUS.—An Illinois veteran who had his back and spine injured by a comrade in play, June, 1865, after the war was over, has been granted a pension on account of that injury. It is presumed the pension carries arrearages from the date of the injury, and so will amount to a handsome stake, on which the lucky veteran may retire in ease and luxury for the rest of his life, with a certainty for his widow, should he leave one. This ex-soldier gets a pension, not for an injury while fighting an enemy, but for being disabled while playing with a comrade after peace had been restored. The absurdity of pension rulings could hardly go further.

County Treasurer.

In another column will be found the official act passed by the Legislature changing our system of collecting and disbursing county taxes. The Farmers' League of this county is responsible for the measure, and if it accomplishes all the good that its advocates hope for—in lessening taxation and placing the finances of the county upon a more satisfactory basis—then the farmers who originated the recent movement and the committee which formulated the law will certainly deserve credit for at least *one* good measure. But it is only by practical trial that this change can be tested. Whether it will accomplish all the favorable results desired remains to be seen.

The office created by the act is one of responsibility and labor, and the amount allowed appears altogether inadequate to cover salaries and other expenses; but our neighboring county, Cecil, does the work for even a less sum. However, the treasurer there is conceded to be not more than half paid. In Anne Arundel county—with collections about the same as Kent—the treasurer gets four thousand dollars, and is allowed (under the law) six hundred dollars additional for clerk hire, and beside this is furnished an office and all necessary books and papers. Baltimore county and others pay even larger salaries. However, these are hard times, and the farmers and our Legislative representatives are fully justified in limiting the expenditures in Kent to the small sum named. Under the act the appointment of county treasurer is to be made at the first meeting of the county commissioners in April, which will be next Tuesday.

Wilmington Conference.

The Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church began its twenty-second session at Milford, Del., on Wednesday, with Bishop E. G. Andrews, of New York, in the chair. Bishop Fowler, of San Francisco, was assigned by the board of bishops to preside over the conference, but he could not attend on account of sickness.

The conference opened with a sermon by Rev. J. P. Otis, of Port Deposit. This was an experiment, and proved to be a very successful one. The conference will begin each morning with a half-hour sermon, it taking the place of the ordinary morning prayer-meeting.

In the afternoon the Conference Historical Society held its anniversary. Rev. B. F. Price presided, and papers were read by Revs. J. D. C. Hanna, J. H. Willey and J. S. Willis.

At night the Church Extension anniversary was held, Rev. J. B. Quigg presiding, and Rev. Drs. S. J. Morris and Kynett making addresses.

Officers of the conference were elected as follows: John D. Rigg, secretary; assistants, E. C. MacNichol, A. S. Mowbray; statistician, Julius Dodd; assistant, R. I. Watkins, J. S. Moore, Asbury Burke, W. G. Koons, W. R. Mowbray, Z. H. Webister, D. H. Corkran; treasurer, C. A. Grice; assistants, L. A. C. Gerry, E. H. Derrickson, J. H. Howard, H. S. Dulaney, and R. K. Stephenson. The office of secretary was the only one for which there was a contest and upon which the vote was by ballot. J. D. Rigg received 66 and Adam Stengle, of Wilmington, 48 votes.

DEATH OF GEN. CROOK.—Major General George Crook, U. S. A., in command of the department of the Missouri, died at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, of heart disease, on the 21st inst., in the 62nd year of his age. He served with distinction throughout the late war, since which time his services have been intimately associated with Indian campaigns. He conducted them so successfully that he gained the sobriquet of "The Great Indian Fighter." In 1872, when assigned to the Arizona district to quell Indian disturbances, he sent an ultimatum to the chiefs to return to their reservations or "be wiped from the face of the earth." In 1882 he forced the Mormons, squatters, miners and stockraisers to vacate the Indian lands and encouraged the Apaches in industrial pursuits. He was appointed major-general April 6, 1888, and soon after was placed in command of the division of the Missouri with headquarters at Chicago, succeeding General Schofield. Gen. Crook's wife is the daughter of the late John Dailey, who was the proprietor of the Revere House, Cumberland, Md. Gen. Crook made the acquaintance of his wife while on duty in Cumberland during the late war and married her about the close of the war. He was buried at Oakland, Md., on Monday.

A SIGNIFICANT DECISION.—The Supreme Court of the United States passed upon an interesting point on Monday in the Virginia case of Charles Green, who was convicted of fraudulent voting at the last presidential election, and who was granted a writ of habeas corpus by the lower court on the ground it should have been tried in the federal and not in the State courts. The Supreme Court reverses this view, holding that the offense is a State matter. Although presidential electors are appointed in pursuance of the constitution of the United States, says the Supreme Court, they are no more officers and agents of the United States than are members of the State Legislature acting as electors for Senators. This decision of the highest tribunal in the land is directly opposed to the spirit of much of the legislation proposed in Congress by ultra-Republican members, who seem to think that the federal government should control all the machinery of the elections, especially in the Southern States.

MRS. EVA HAMILTON AGAIN.—The curious information comes from Trenton, N. J., that there is now pending before the board of pardons a petition for the release from the State prison of the notorious Mrs. Robert Ray Hamilton, who is there for carving up Nurse Donnelly at Atlantic City. A sequel to this famous case is the report that the failure last week of Schuyler Hamilton, who was engaged extensively in brick-making at Croton, N. York, is indirectly due to the fair, frail Eva. His brother, Robert Ray Hamilton, would willingly have helped him when the financial pinch came, but could borrow no money on his real estate owing to the legal complications in which he is involved by the marriage ceremony he went through with Eva.

WORD comes from Burlington, Iowa, that a professional bird-catcher is at work in that city, and has for the past week captured and killed a large number of beautiful songsters. He claims to be under contract to furnish Eastern wholesale millinery houses with redbirds, which are his favorite prey. He says he has made as high as $2,800 in one year trapping birds.

THE jury has rendered a verdict of guilty against Sheriff Flack, of New York, and his son and Joseph Meeks for conspiracy to obtain a divorce fraudulently.

THE Deputy Collector of internal revenue, Mr. H. C. Dodson, gives notice that he will be in Chestertown Wednesday, May 7.

THE BRIDGE WILL BE FREE!

Another joint meeting of the boards of county commissioners for Kent and Queen Anne's was held last Thursday—this time in Centreville. Marion deK. Smith, Esq., attended as counsel to the Kent board, and A. Randolph Weedon, Esq., counsel for the Queen Anne's board. The following preamble and resolutions were adopted which are slight modifications of the same resolutions formulated at the Chestertown meeting:

WHEREAS, the county commissioners of Kent and the county commissioners of Queen Anne's counties met at the office of the commissioners of Kent in joint executive session to negotiate with a committee appointed by the stockholders of the Chester Bridge Company, composed of Wm. N. E. Wickes, president, James A. Pearce, Charles T. Westcott and Eben F. Perkins, for the purchase of the draw bridge spanning Chester river at Chestertown, under and by virtue of authority in the said commissioners respectively reposed in the Act of Assembly of 1888, and further amended by the Act of Assembly of 1890, and whereas the above named committee on the part of the Chester Bridge Company did appear before the said joint session of the commissioners for the purpose aforesaid; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the two boards of commissioners in joint session this 27th day of March, Anno Domino 1890, that under and by virtue of an Act of Assembly, 1888, chapter 379, and an Act of Assembly, 1890, which amends and supplements the Act of Assembly of 1888, and the authority by said Acts of Assembly in us reposed as commissioners of the counties of Queen Anne's and Kent, we agree to pay to the stockholders of the Chester Bridge Company, or their duly authorized agent and attorney, upon the transfer and conveyance by deed, the bridge spanning Chester river at Chestertown, the toll-house and grounds, together with the capital stock, property, franchises, rights and privileges of and belonging to the Chester Bridge Company; not including, however, any judgments, mortgages, bank stock, securities, investments, claims or accounts against individuals belonging to said bridge company, under the aforesaid Acts of Assembly to the said county commissioners of Kent and Queen Anne's counties, bodies corporate, the sum of eleven thousand and four hundred dollars, current money, being the par value of said bridge; provided, however, that the directors of said Chester Bridge Company have the floor of the said bridge put in good repair, using Georgia pine lumber for the purpose, and also have the railing of said bridge repaired; when found necessary, granting the directors or stockholders of said company the privilege of using the best flooring of the bridge on the Kent county side of said bridge for repair of the floor on the Queen Anne's side, making the floor on the Kent side of the draw new, of lumber above mentioned, and repair the Queen Anne's side to the distance of 100 feet from the Queen Anne's land, more or less.

Resolved, That the directors of the Chester Bridge Company deliver the said bridge to the commissioners aforesaid in its present condition, with the above mentioned repairs made thereto, upon the terms above stated.

Resolved, That the county commissioners of Queen Anne's and the county commissioners of Kent counties pay equal shares of the capital stock of said bridge; that is, that the commissioners of each of said counties pay one-half of the purchase money and bear their proportionate part of the current expenses each year thereafter, under the provisions of said Acts of Assembly; and further

Resolved, That the president of the board of county commissioners of Kent county and the president of the board of county commissioners of Queen Anne's county be and they are hereby empowered and authorized respectively to enter into a contract with the directors of the Chester Bridge Company for the purchase and delivery of said bridge upon the time and condition of these resolutions.

Another resolution was adopted authorizing the attorneys, Messrs. Smith and Weedon, to prepare a contract in accordance with the terms of these resolutions and the Acts of Assembly therein recited, to be signed by the presidents of the respective boards of commissioners and to be submitted to the bridge company for acceptance.

There seems now to be no serious impediment in the way of a speedy consummation of the desired end, and within the next thirty or sixty days at farthest Chester river bridge will be proclaimed a free public highway! So may it be.

PEACHES.—We give below Mr. John A. Groves' latest expressions upon the peach outlook. This gentleman is so largely interested in peach culture, and beside, is so well able to intelligently comprehend and express a correct view of the situation that anything from him will be read with interest. It will be seen that he still adheres to his previous opinion that the outlook for a good peach crop is yet hopeful. May his orchards not be an exception?

I have made a careful examination of my orchards, both in Kent and Queen Anne counties, and conclude if no severe spring frosts or cold continuously northeastly storms come I will have a good paying crop. You know that the peach has critical periods in its young life, and is never safe until June.

I find more fruit alive on my old trees, for upon 1,500 old trees on one of my farms the prospect is good for at least 16,000 or 20,000 baskets, while upon 10,000 of 4 year-old trees, large and vigorous, we will not get more than 6,000 baskets.

This is true more or less in other orchards in this county. Perhaps it is because young trees have a tendency to bloom earlier than old trees and were caught in the freeze on March 7.

It is difficult to tell at this time which varieties are hurt the worst. I think, however, our Troth's Early, Crawford's Early and Smock are hurt worse than other varieties. Late Heath, Spekin's Early, Salway and all white and red varieties are hurt but little. The middle yellow varieties, such as Reeve's, Favorite, Brandywine and Crawford's Late are badly hurt, but plenty are left yet to make a fair crop. These have a longer time to run, and I cannot now make as close an estimate as can be done later in the season.

The most remarkable fact connected with this spring weather is that there are plenty of fruit left upon trees that were in full bloom when the thermometer registered 12° something I have never seen in my thirty years experience as a peach farmer. Heretofore fruit in bloom when the thermometer registered 18° were entirely killed.

So, to sum up the whole matter, we are feeling pretty good, and expect if the remaining season proves favorable to have a good paying crop. It looks now as if there will, at least, be a basket to a tree, which perhaps will pay better than 30 cent corn or 60 cent wheat.

THE LYCEUM.—Christ Church Lyceum held a very interesting meeting last Wednesday evening. Over one hundred members were present and the following program was well rendered: Voluntary, Prof. T. O. Elmore; singing, Glee Club; declamation, T. D. Bowers; duet, Miss Ella C. Thompson and Wm. Fowler; reading, Miss Rose Frazier; whistling chorus, six young gentlemen; duet and harmonica solo, Miller and Snowden Maslin; reading, Miss Kate Wheatley; address, Mr. C. C. Hopper; singing, Glee Club. Rev. S. W. Thomas was present and made some remarks upon the benefit derived from an association of this kind and congratulated the young people upon the founding of such a society.

The next meeting will be held April 23, which will be public.

ASSIGNMENT.—Mr. M. T. Goslee, who has been conducting a first-class shoe store in Chestertown for several years past, became embarrassed because of the impossibility to make collections and on Thursday last he closed his store and made an assignment to H. W. Vickers, Esq., for the benefit of his creditors. His liabilities are not stated, but he expects to pay dollar for dollar.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

Beautiful Symbolical Exercise Presented by the M. P. S. S.

Christ Church Sunday-school was a scene of animation and beauty on Sunday evening last which will linger long in the memory of those who witnessed it. The commodious building was seated to its full capacity, while standing room conld not be obtained when the exercises commenced. It was the occasion of the anniversary of the Juvenile Home Missionary Society of the Sunday-school, the officers of which were: President, W. F. Porter; secretaries, Wm. Fowler, Owen C. Smith. The school, numbering three hundred, were seated in front with the infant class comfortably fixed in their little chairs outside the chancel railing. The exercises were specially interesting and consisted of the following:

PART I.

1. Instrumental Voluntary.....PROF. T. O. ELMORE.
2. Opening Service.
3. Prayer by.....REV. W. R. MOBRAY.
4. Chorus, "Happy Day of Joy"
5. Basket Collection
6. Instrumental Voluntary.....PROF. T. O. ELMORE.
7. Address by the President.....W. F. PORTER.
8. Chorus, "Church of God Arise!"

PART II—SYMBOLISM: "OPEN DOORS."

PART III.

1. Quartette....."Where Hast Thou Gleaned?"
   MISSES CLARE VANNORT, MARIAN LUSBY,
   MESSRS. FRED. G USILTON, J. W. CHAPMAN, JR.
2. Class Reports for past month.
3. Singing by Infant Class....."Heart Bells."
4. Announcement and award of Banner.
5. Presentation Address.....T. D. BOWERS.
6. Chorus.....""The Signal Lights."
7. Annual report and award of annual premiums.
8. Solo, duet and quartette....."Raise Me Jesus."
   MRS. W. R. ALDRIDGE, MISS MOLLIE PARKS,
   MR. W. W. CHAPMAN, DR. H. L. DODD.
9. Presentation of Annual Premiums.
   PROF. ROWLAND WATTS.
10. Chorus, ..."Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom."
    Benediction by pastor, REV. W. R. GRAHAM.

Part II, as is usually the case, was the attractive feature of the program to the audience in general and fully equaled any of the previous grand productions of this Sunday-school. The pulpit was transformed into a garden of blooming flowers, in the centre of which was constructed the world. Entrances were made into it by means of doors, viz: "Home," "Foreign" and "Maryland." Over this world were the following inscriptions: "I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it"; "We shall reap as we have sown in the world's broad field." Immediately over the doors were the words, "Open Doors." Through the "Home" door came Georgia Thompson who said:

INTRODUCTORY.

Three doors are open to the Methodist Protestant Church for special misionary effort. They are represented here this evening as the FOREIGN, GENERAL HOME and MARYLAND CONFERENCE HOME MISSIONS. While the work of our Juvenile Missionary Society, and the funds which are contributed through it, are directed particularly in the interests of the latter; the Foreign doors also stand open and we are commissioned to enter them.

Then came Mamie Kirby who spoke as follows:

THE DOOR TO FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Some years ago a door seemed providentially opened for us to enter the foreign work. One teacher first entered with the authority of the church and the door has opened wider with every passing year. Soon a consecrated host from our altars at home had opened the gates so wide that now the

"Happy gates of gospel grace,"

opened by Methodist Protestant hands for these heathen souls,

"Stand open night and day."

The time has passed when the mission cause can be ignored. All the resources of our civilization are today combining to help those who would press through the doors and instruct the world in the progress of Christ's kingdom on earth. Our boys and girls are reading how Stanley traveled 999 miles without meeting a person who had ever heard of Jesus. The daily papers have become missionary journals. Like white, fluttering carrier pigeons they enter our windows, bringing the news of open doors, that all flesh may see the salvation of God. The man who today ignores foreign missions, ignores the literature of his time; ignores an open continent; ignores the great command, of Jesus Christ and deserves to be ignored himself!

Amie Russell represented the door to General Home Missions. She sweetly sang "America" and was followed by the school singing the same, after which she said:

THE DOOR TO GENERAL HOME MISSIONS.

Our church should occupy more of the territory opened to us in this land. Inviting fields of labor are calling upon us to scatter our seed in the virgin soil where will grow Methodist Protestant freedom of the royal and divine order. Particularly in the great West the voice comes to us through the open door, caught by every gospel breeze, "Come over and help us!" The promise is, "Give and it shall be given unto you again, good measure and running over."

Mamie Thompson spoke of the door to Maryland Conference Home Missions as follows:

DOOR TO MARYLAND CONFERENCE HOME MISSIONS.

"Maryland, my Maryland!" We are justly proud of our Maryland Conference and the record it is making in ecclesiastical circles, which we will soon have the privilege of seeing and hearing for ourselves in the sixty-second session to be held in our church next week. While listening to the report we will all rejoice that we as a society have helped to make our conference what it is by our annual contributions. Still the doors are open for larger growth and we can enter them only by self-sacrificing zeal. Everything is ripe for a supreme sustained effort all along the line. Christians at home must rise to the occasion and lavish means and men upon the work at this favorable juncture.

These were followed by short exhortations by Katie Shuster, Fannie Smith, Jessie Graham, Bessie Wheatley, Pearl Hendrickson, Blanche Dugan, Lizzie Willis, Zoa Elliott, Macie Chapman, Susie Culp, May Pennell, who formed a semi-circle from the door on either side to the Foreign door. In the Foreign door was exposed a cross sitting on tho doorstep, by which the doors were forced partly open. At this point a very touching and well rendered plea for missions was made by Miss Lizzie Fowler, closing with the little ones in white on bended knees in prayer. The symbolical exercise closed with an appropriate chorus, "When our work is ended."

The most important part of the evening's programme was the finances, which was equally as gratifying as the symbolical. The whole amount for the month was $104; Mr. H. Rickey's class contributed $25 for the month and therefore received the banner. He also was awarded first premium for the highest year contribution, $57; second, Mrs. T. R. Hubbard's class, $25; Mr. Wm. W. Hubbard's, $17.07. The total amount for the year was over $250.

The singing by the school, led by Mr. W. W. Chapman was soul-stirring while the whole program reflected great credit on the committee in charge and the participants.

OBITUARY.—Mr. Frisby H. Boulden, of Still Pond, whose illness was mentioned in last week's NEWS, died of Bright's disease last Saturday morning. He had not been in good health for several months, but was confined to the house only a few days. The deceased was a well known farmer and a good neighbor, and his demise will be deeply mourned, not only by his immediate family and friends, but by the community generally in which he had so long resided. He was an active Democratic politician, but the only office he ever held was that of tax collector of the second district for two years. He was about 49 years of age and leaves a widow and two children. His remains were interred at Shrewsbury Monday, the services being conducted by Rev. John Martin. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Geo. W. Davis, Edward W. Hepbron, W. S. Hurlock, S. J. Roseberry, Wm. Hepbron an Jno. Hurlock.

THE dwelling on the "White House" farm in Queen Anne's county, between Centreville and Queenstown, owned by Mrs. Ellen Goldsborough, of Talbot county, and formerly the residence of Col. Edw. Tilghman, was burned several days ago. It was fully insured.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK.—The services for next week at Emmanuel P. E. Church will be as follows: Daily morning prayer (Friday excepted) at 12.; Friday morning prayer and sermon, 11 A. M., daily evening prayer, 5 P. M.

PEDDLERS ARRESTED.—Benj. Aronstam, a pack peddler, was arrested by officer T. J. Parsons in Worton a few days ago on the charge of selling goods without license, and Justice Beck committed him to jail in default of payment of $25 and costs. Moses Beskin, another tin peddler, was arrested by Deputy-Sheriff Morgan last Thursday on the same charge, and Justice Burgess committed him to jail for a further hearing.

A SURPRISE.—The members of the M. E. Sunday-school choir of this town gave Rev. R. W. Todd a very pleasant surprise on last Saturday evening. While the reverend gentleman and his family were away from home, the table was spread and loaded with eatables, which were highly enjoyed by the happy company and the pastor upon his arrival. It was a complete surprise to Mr. Todd and therefore it was enjoyed the more.

I. O. O. F. ENTERTAINMENT.—Amicable Lodge, No. 117, I. O. O. F., will celebrate its twentieth anniversary at Stam's Hall on Thursday evening April 10, by giving a literary and musical entertainment to its members and invited guests. Doors will open at 7½ o'clock; exercises commence promptly at 8 o'clock. After the distribution of tickets all holders of the same will be at liberty to select their seats and have their tickets checked at Stam's drug store. Diagram will be ready April 3d.

AN EXCITING EPISODE.—On Sunday afternoon a young lady and gentleman started from the lower end of Main street for Sunday-school. When near Judge Wickes' residence a goat pursued by several dogs was making towards them. The lady ran and the goat ran after her, and the young man after the goat. Up on Dr. S. Beck's porch, then across the street to Dr. Gilpin's steps, then over to Mr. Westcott's store the trio ran, the goat getting in several pretty hard butts, and when he was driven away the lady's dress was found torn, but she suffered no other injury. Her *protector* says he could not catch up.

PREPARING FOR CANNING.—Mr. Joseph Downey met a number of farmers at Mr. C. S. York's office on Tuesday afternoon and contracted with them for tomatoes at $6.00 per ton. He will take a few more orders at the same price.

Rice, Lamotte & Co. will conduct their canning business at Chestertown during the coming season and have already contracted for a two hundred acre plant of tomatoes at $5.50 per ton.

The cannery and fixtures at Kennedyville have been sold to Mr. J. V. Mccommon, of Harford county, and he has contracted for a plant of 160 acres of tomatoes at $5.50 per ton.

A PRISONER FOUND.

A Colored Convict Found Dead in a Marsh Near Chestertown With Handcuffs on.

In the KENT NEWS of December 28th, 1889, can be found the following article: "Constable Thos. J. Parsons, of Worton, is a shrewd and efficient officer, but a couple of darkeys fooled him last Wednesday. Early on Tuesday morning, December 24, Mr. Charles L. Gill, a farmer, living near Kennedyville, was aroused by his dogs, and when morning came he found that three of his turkeys were missing from their roost near the house. Mr. Gill found the tracks of the thief and identified them, by a peculiar heel tap, as belonging to a colored man named Robert Scott, who had been working for him the week previous. Constable Thomas J. Porsons, of Worton, was sent for and soon had Scott in custody, and one of the turkeys was recovered. Scott told all sorts of yarns about the theft, but finally implicated another colored man named John Hicks, who lives in Morgan Creek Neck. The two men were taken before Justice I. R. Starkey, of Still Pond, and after a hearing were sentenced to the House of Correction—Scott for a term of 12 months and Hicks for 6 months.

"Officer Parsons handcuffed the two men together and started for Chestertown about sundown with his prisoners, intending to keep them in jail until the following Friday morning, when he could convey them to Jessup's Cut via steamer Emma A. Ford. The men had requested the officer not to come in town before dark, as they wished to avoid publicity as much as possible. While on the way down Hicks complained of the cuffs hurting him, and they were loosened. Mr. Parsons was in an open dearborn, and all went smoothly until just outside of Chestertown, when, as the team descended the hill, the two men jumped out the back of the dearborn, leaped the roadside fence and were off. Hicks had slipped the handcuffs from his wrists and thus the two men separated.

Officer Parsons sent to Chestertown and secured the assistance of Deputy Sheriff Morgan and Officer B. F. Henley, who went out to assist in the hunt for the men. In the meantime Officer Parsons, suspecting they would make for Morgan's Creek bridge, went directly to that point and secreted himself, and in about an hour's time Scott made his appearance. When within about 15 feet of him the officer came out from his hiding place and called to him to halt, which he did only long enough to find out who the officer was, and then he started for another run. The officer fired at him, hoping this would cause him to halt, but he only ran the faster, and Parsons fired a second time, just as the fugitive ran into the marsh near the bridge. And not a clue could be obtained as to the whereabouts of the convicts. One could be heard very plainly in the marsh but could not be reached."

Last Saturday afternoon while John McKee and Tom Wilmer were out sailing at the mouth of Morgan Creek they discovered the body of a colored man stuck in the mud and being unable to move it they went for help. On Sunday morning the body was brought to shore and Coroner Pippin sent for. He summoned a jury and on Monday morning an inquest was held on the shore of Mr. Thos. S. Wilmer. The following composed the jury: W. F. Melvin, foreman, Thos. S. Wilmer, Tom Wilmer, David and Louis Grantling, John McKee, Edw. Robertson, T. S. Dodd, Wm. O. Dugan, D. A. Bacchus, Harry Kleff, John McLoud, T. J. Joiner, M. T. Goslee. The verdict was that the man came to his death by drowning. Constable Parsons was a witness and identified the man as Robt. Scott, the colored man who ran away from him Dec. 25. The handcuffs found on him were unlocked by the constable and in his pocket was found a receipt for $2.25 which he had received from Justice Starkey Dec. 24, in payment of a fine for disorderly conduct. The body was examined by Dr. Catlin but no wounds were found upon it. It was very much decomposed and the face considerably mutilated.

In this same marsh and very nearly in the same place Constable Parsons says that another colored prisoner was found dead when the late Wm. Hamilton was constable. The man was trying to make his escape and got stuck in the mud.

Personal Mention.

Mr. Robert C. Rasin, of Baltimore, who is not an infrequent visitor to Kent, where he has many friends, graduated from the University school of medicine on Tuesday. He had previously graduated from a commercial college.

Miss Essie Newbold, of Philadelphia, and Miss Grace Wilson, of New York, have been spending a pleasant season with Prof. T. A. Hulme in Baltimore, and on Wednesday paid a flying visit to Kent, each of them expressing their delight with the bay and river scenery and the beautiful Kent landscape.

Prof. W. L. Gooding, of the Conference Academy, Dover, spent Sunday with friends at Galena. He reports the academy to be in a flourishing condition.

Miss Mary McKinett, of Rock Hall is visiting relatives and friends in Baltimore.

Rev. Dr. Theodore Barber, Rev. Dr. Jas. Bryan, of Cambridge, Rev. Geo. F. Beaven, of Hillsborough, and Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell, of Centreville, are the only clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Easton now within its bounds who had charges when the diocese was formed.

Rev. S. W. Thomas, presiding elder of Philadelphia district M. E. Church was in Chestertown this week.

Mrs. R. Nicholson has been quite ill with pneumonia the past week. She is at her son's, J. P. Nicholson.

Miss Pauline Nelson, of Chesapeake city, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. R. Franklin.

Mrs. John Bird, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Ellen Quinlan, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hynson, on Queen street.

The Misses Sue C. and Fanny Wilkins are visiting at the residence of Col. Wm. H. Legg, in Baltimore.

Miss Ella V., daughter of Mr. Wm. Ford, is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. John T. Sweeney, of Clayton, attended the excursion of the Order of Railroad Conductors from Wilmington to Richmond and Norfolk last Sunday. He was delighted with the trip.—*Call.*

Washington College Items.

Prizes for athletic exercises to take place in June, have been offered by individual members of the board of visitors to the number of seven. The number wanted is twelve and no doubt they will be obtained.

The Shakespeare club will meet this evening at the home of Miss Hope Wickes and will finish the play of King Henry V.

The Y. M. C. A. meetings continue to increase in interest, and are largely attended by students and citizens of the town.

Mrs. Dr. Reid and Mrs. Prof. Micou paid flying visits to Baltimore this week.

This week ends the *marking* month and the averages of the students will appear next week. An additional incentive for hard work is now given in the fact that all averages above 95 are published.

Easter holidays next week, and teacher and student will hail them with pleasure.

O. C. Warfield, Esq., of Baltimore city, will deliver the annual address before the Mt. Vernon Literary Society, commencement week.

A VALUABLE ANIMAL.—Dr. T. H. Cooper, of Chestertown, has purchased the imported Cleveland Bay stallion "Pride of England," and proposes to give horseowners the opportunity to avail themselves of his advantages. The Cleveland bays are good carriage horses, good and stout wagon and plow horses, and for road and general purposes. Their family color is blood bay with star in forehead. Canada is famed for these splendid Cleveland bay matches, and since the introduction of this stock from England they have rapidly grown in favor. This particular horse, "Pride of England," just secured to our county by Dr. Cooper, is a magnificent animal and will be duly appreciated by farmers and others. The only Cleveland bay ever before in this county was one sent to the late Dr. L. M. Ricaud from Virginia at the outbreak of the war, for safe keeping for a short while. Dr. Cooper's horse is the only pure Cleveland bay now in the county.

THE dwelling of Wm. Dunn on Cannon street made a narrow escape on Thursday morning. It took fire near the chimney and was in a full blaze when John Ringgold discovered it, climbed up a tree with a bucket of water and put it out.

BLACK RESIDUUM for corn and peach trees—said to be a sure remedy for worms in the trees, and almost a certain preventative of frenching in corn—is offered the farmers by T. W. Eliason, Jr.

PERSONAL.—Messrs. T. R. Hubbard & Son say if you have not read their Fruit Grower advertisement, please do so *this week* as they intend to replace it with another in our next issue.

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March 29, 1890—3t.*

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NOTICE.

The Board of County Commissioners for Kent county give notice that all persons traveling either on horseback or in road vehicles of any kind, across the embankment at Sandy Hook Hill, near Galena, do so at their own risk until said road is open to travel, due notice of which will be given.

By order of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
T. WATERS RUSSELL, Clerk. Dec. 7, 1889—4t.

Petitioners' Notice of Application for New Bridge.

THE undersigned petitioners and others, hereby give notice that they intend, thirty days from date hereof, to apply to the Honorable County Commissioners of Kent county, for the appointment of examiners to view and determine whether the public convenience makes it expedient to erect a wooden bridge over a prong of Morgan's creek, which crosses the public road leading from the Urieville and Kennedyville road to Hibernia school house, at the farm of John R. Bennett, Esq.

WM. E. JARRELL,
J. K. H. JACOBS,
J. E. HURLOCK,
March 15, 1890—4t. and others.

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LOCAL LAW for KENT COUNTY

Passed at Session of Maryland Legislature, 1890.

COUNTY TREASURER.

AN ACT to amend Article fifteen of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," subtitle "County Commissioners," by adding five new sections thereto, requiring the County Commissioners to appoint a County Treasurer, and to define his powers and duties, to follow section eighty-seven and to be known as section eighty-seven A, eighty-seven B, eighty-seven C, eighty-seven D, and eighty-seven E.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That five new sections be and the same are hereby added to Article Fifteen of the Code of Public Local Laws title "Kent