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LOCAL MATTERS.

Kent County Ozone.—Dr. A. P. Sharp has an abiding faith in Kent county ozone. In conversation with a TRANSCRIPT reporter several days ago he declared Kent to be the great sanitarium of the Eastern United States, and is anxious to see its merits as a health resort appreciated. The doctor has promised to write regarding this matter.

Each Won a Turkey.—Some fine shooting was done at a contest of some of Kent's finest shots at Worton on Saturday. Romie Toulson won first turkey, with three birds; Geiser second turkey, three birds; Minner third turkey, with three birds; H. Cannon fourth turkey, with five birds and W. Duyer fifth turkey, with five birds.

Fire at Chesterville.—The residence of Mr. James A. Spry, at Chesterville, narrowly escaped burning at about 2 o'clock P. M. on Monday. The flames first broke out alongside the chimney in the attic and it is supposed that they originated from a defective flue. The roof and ceiling were badly damaged, and but for the timely assistence of a party of gentlemen near by engaged in shooting at clay-pigeons, the building and contents would have been destroyed. Damage about $150.

The Sun Almanac.—The Baltimore *Sun* has sent out its annual contribution to the encyclopoedic literature of the State. This volume is the best possible exemplification of the time honored "much in little." Every square inch of printing surface is crowded with valuable information of the reliable sort. So indespensible is the "Sun Almanac" to the average business man that he *must have* it; if he fails to possess it then it must be borrowed. The issue of the present year is the twenty-third volume of this valuable reference book.

Found Hams and Shoulders.—Mr. James Copper, at an early hour on Tuesday morning, found six or seven fine hams and shoulders of meat strewn in the carriage track opposite the apple orchard of Mr. William Ford near Chestertown. The pieces had evidently been dropped there during the night and a number of teams had passed over them, and the meat was badly bruised and injured when found. Whether or not the meat had been dropped by a thief who was being hard pressed, or fell from the wagon of some unfortunate mover, is not known.

Undimmed by Age.—Mrs. Celeno Jessop, of Lankford, is one of the most remarkable women in the county. Mrs. Jessop is in her ninety-first year but retains all of her faculties undimmed. Her particular delight is embroidery and other fancy work. Mrs. C. V. Newman is justly proud of the exquisite work of her mother and last week exhibited a bureau scarf of surpassing beauty executed by Mrs. Jessop. Mr. Davis, of Still Pond, is another remarkably well preserved citizen of Kent. In spite of his ninety odd years, Mr. Davis can spin off several miles at a brisk pace and feel the better from his "trifling constitutional."

New Jury Law.—An effort is being made to get up a petition recommending the Legislature to change the law relative to the drawing of jurors in Queen Anne county. Heretofore the 150 names were selected from all the districts of the county, and placed in a box together, from which the first 43 names drawn were the grand and petit juries for the term. By that system some districts would often get two or three times as many jurors as another and would make the distribution very unequal. By the plan suggested in the petition each district will be allotted so many men to be drawn from its own list, thereby distributing them properly over the county.

A Rock Hall Enterprise.—The citizens of Rock Hall, on Friday evening showed themselves equal to the demands of the occasion, and at a public meeting subscribed about two-thirds of the amount necessary to erect the buildings for a canning factory, and pledged one hundred and fifty of the required two hundred and fifty acres to be planted in tomatoes. Mr. Arthur, of Harford county, requested that the citizens furnish the building and obligate themselves to grow two hundred and fifty acres of tomatoes. On his part he is willing to obligate himself to operate the cannery five years, give six dollars per ton for fruit, and give the people ten per cent. on their investment. Another meeting was held on Tuesday evening to perfect arrangements, and the Rock Hall enterprise may be said to be a certainty.

A Coincidence.—Announcement was made in the TRANSCRIPT last week of the death of John Coppage, a gentleman living in Queen Anne, but known by many in Kent. Just under the announcement of Mr. Coppage's death was that of Mr. J. Walter Carpenter, who, by the way, was not related to Mrs. H. W. Vickers as stated. It was Mrs. Carpenter who was related to Mrs. Vickers. In referring to the death of the two gentlemen the Easton Ledger gives the following interesting facts: "John Coppage, who bought the Wilton farm from the trustees of Caroline C. Davis, in 1894, situated near Wye Mills, died suddenly at his residence in Church Hill, Queen Anne county, last Saturday. He was 86 years old. J. Walter Carpenter, of Dudley & Carpenter, commission merchants, Baltimore, died the same day, aged 55. A coincidence is that Mr. Coppage borrowed $20,000 dollars from his friend Mr. Carpenter, to complete the payment, and gave him a mortgage for six years from September 6, 1894, on Wilton. This is one of the most valuable estates in Talbot county, and is to-day worth in the open market more than double the amount of the mortgage, real estate experts say."

Dividends Declared.

The Second National Bank, of Chestertown, on Tuesday declared a dividend of three per cent. clear of taxes, and carried $1,200 to undivided profits for the past six months.

At the last meeting of the directors of the Kent County Savings Bank last week, they declared a semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent., added $502.97 to undivided profits and paid to saving depositors about $500.

The Chestertown National Bank has declared a dividend of four per cent., and added $500 to undivided profits. In addition to recent improvements the banking room and directors' room have been handsomely papered.

The Queen Anne National Bank declared a semi-annual dividend on capital stock of 2½ per cent., clear of taxes, payable January 10th, and carried to surplus fund $500. At a meeting of the Centreville National Bank, the board of directors declared a semi-annual dividend of 3½ per cent., clear of State and county taxes, payable on and after January 10th, 1898, and transferred a large amount of money to the surplus fund.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Bits of News and Gossip Gathered Here, There and Everywhere.

† Miss Helen McGugan won the fine crayon picture of Bishop Curtis, offered to the one selling the greatest number of tickets to the supper at Galena.

† Mr. T. J. Willis was in town last week and in referring to the outlook for the tomato grower for the coming year, said that while it is too early to state prices, the prospects are for six dollar tomatoes.

† The family of Mr. John Coppage, every member of which, six in number, have the diphtheria, we are glad to state are reported as improving.

† Reports from all sections of the county, were to the effect that the roads were in miserable condition. Comparatively few persons were in town on Tuesday.

† Mr. Lewis Ayres, of Rock Hall, appears on the track with a new trotter. Walbert and Coburn will pace the newcomer some of these fine afternoons.

† "Eating up what we made last year" is the farmers answer to the question, "What are you driving at?"

† The Emma Giles will make a special trip to Tolchester, Saturday, Jan. 22d. Grand opportunity for the people of Kent to have a little excursion at small expense and a large number will go.

† A graphophone concert was enjoyed by a large number of callers at the TRANSCRIPT office on Wednesday evening of last week. Mr. George B. Twilley gave one of his delightful entertainments of choice selections for the graphophone. His musical menu now consists of over fifty pieces.

† Little Leonard Rawleigh, who for years has had no use of his limbs, has returned from Baltimore, and is now able to walk by means of crutches. The little fellow is delighted with the change.

† Supposed mad dogs caused consternation in town last week. Four canines have been killed and quiet restored.

† Some one entered the store of Mr. Frank R. McWhorter, High street, on Sunday night and relieved the money drawer of $18 in cash. Nothing else was touched. No clue was left as to the identity of the thief. Entrance was made through the rear window.

† Kent county oysterman are opposed to shortening the oyster season. In short, they say: "We have the best law we ever had and it is being enforced by Frank Stevens." The present law is a lasting monument to the profound and sincere interest felt by the democracy of Maryland in the oyster beds of the State.

† Mr. T. Barclay Kilbourne has been designated, as the new postmaster at Edesville.

† Because of the sparseness of the audience, the entertainment scheduled to take place at Stam's Hall on Tuesday night, was postponed until last night. The entertainment was by local talent and for the benefit of the "Volunteer Firemen" of Chestertown. Who are the "Volunteer Firemen" we are not advised.

† Hope H. Barroll and R. D. Hynson, Esqs., have been at Annapolis this week arguing the case of Alice A. Constable against Emory Camp and others, before the Court of Appeals. Mrs. Barroll accompanied Mr. Barroll to Annapolis. Judge Pearce, who was associated with Mr. Barroll in representing Mr. Camp in the court below will, of course, be unable to sit in the case.

A DREDGER SHOT TWICE.

Captain Stevens' Hand-to-Hand Battle.

Capt. Frank Stevens, of the police boat Anna B. Smith, had a battle royal with the captain of the dredge boat Mamie and Helen, on Tuesday. So far as could be learned the dredger was across the line on Swan Point bar and refused to surrender when ordered to "drop his jib" by Capt. Stevens, but tried to escape. The police boat captain ran alongside and boarded the dredger and attempted to place her captain under arrest. The man resisted and made a vicious assault upon Capt. Stevens and tried to throw him overboard into the bay.

The Rock Hall captain's size and splendid physical development served him to good purpose, but so threatening did the recalcitrant dredger become that Capt. Stevens was forced to defend himself with his pistol and shot the man in the leg. This only increased the rage of the violator of the oyster law and he continued his sturdy resistance, forcing the police captain to fire again, the second shot taking effect in the dredge captain's leg. He was finally placed under arrest and Dr. Selby treated his wounds. The vessel is anchored in Rock Hall harbor and is in charge of the authorities.

A SERIES OF ACCIDENTS.

Not Fatal, But Serious Withal.

Mr. John W. Startt, while in his stable loft on Sunday morning, was precipitated to the floor below by the breaking of a plank. Mr. Startt fell across a feed-box and was painfully but not seriously injured. Though still confined to his home, he was better yesterday.

Mr. George S. Biddle made a startlingly narrow escape from a horrible death on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Biddle was shelling corn with his large steam sheller at Mr. Josiah Massey's, near town. About four o'clock some part of the machinery needed adjustment and he was engaged in this work when a rapidly revolving sprocket wheel caught in the pocket of his coat. As quick as thought he was drawn toward the dangerous machinery. He wore two coats at the time, one a short work coat over which was an ordinary canvass gunning coat, both of which were caught in the wheel. At the moment when every one present expected to see Mr. Biddle torn to pieces, the clothing was literally torn from his back and he was released from his dangerous position. He was slightly cut about the hand and one of the bones of the shoulder were injured, but further than this he escaped. But for the giving way of the coats no earthly power could have saved Mr. Biddle from his perilous predicament. He is still very sore and will be deprived of the use of his right arm for some days.

Frank Hurlock, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hurlock, fell from a load of fodder and was painfully but not seriously hurt yesterday morning, at the home of Mr. Thomas Anderson, near town. Young Hurlock was on the load and in getting down, slipped and fell, striking on his stomach across a fence. Dr. H. L. Dodd was summoned and states that while painful, no bones were broken, and beyond considerable soreness, the injured boy will suffer no especial inconvenience from his fall.

Kennedyville News.

The M. P. Sunday school elected the following officers on Sunday morning: Supt. W. T. Hague; assistant supt., W. E. Sanders; sec., Mrs. W. E. Sanders; assistant sec., Miss Katie Weer; treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Lane; librarians, Norman Faulkner, Harry Redmile; organists, Miss Maggie Seney and Miss Annie Shafer.

The young people's class has been reorganized and will meet on Tuesday evening of each week at the homes of the members.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Editor William B. Usilton has rounded full twenty-five years as superintendent of Christ Methodist Protestant Sunday school, and the occasion was duly honored on Saturday afternoon. The teachers of the Sunday school presented the successful and faithful superintendent with a handsome easy-chair and a gold-headed cane. A splendid recognition of the unwearying work of Mr. Usilton in this important work of educating the young in Christian living. Rev. J. M. Gill was at the same time presented with a handsome set of valuable books.

Miss Nellie Wickes, of Philadelphia, is visising her sister, Mrs. Geo. B. Westcott, in Chestertown.

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. S. A. McKnett, to the marriage of her daughter, Mary Hynson, to Mr. Harry Spencer Redmile, Wednesday evening, January 19th, at 6.30 o'clock, in Kennedyville M. P. Church.

Judge and Mrs. James A. Pearce left Chestertown on Monday morning for Annapolis, where they will spend the winter. Miss Lucile Rasin accompanied them.

Miss Lucy Hines is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. deK. Smith, Washington avenue.

Miss M. Julia Thompson and Miss Caroline Wicker have resigned their positions in the Wilmington office of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

Miss Florence Barcus, of Greensborough, who has been visiting Mrs. John N. Dodd for the past two months, was suddenly called home on account of the illness of her aunt.

Miss Elma Rasin, of Boston, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. H. McKee.

Mr. Herman Gruber is visiting relatives in Philadelphia and Wilmington.

Mrs. Joseph Clark, of Still Pond, has returned from Baltimore much improved in health.

Miss Anna G. Lambert is visiting her brother in Easton.

Dr. Wm. P. Mills and Jos. S. Mills, of Washington, have been spending the holidays with their parents at St. James. Wm. S. Dickinson and J. Bibb Mills, of Pocomoke, also spent several days with Dr. and Mrs. Mills.

Mr. Owen C. Smith, the Baltimore druggist, has enjoyed a short visit to his parents in Chestertown.

Mr. John H. Greenwood has returned from a visit to Camden, N. J., friends, looking as bright as a newly polished button.

Mr. John E. Morris, who has been extremely ill with typhoid fever is convalescing.

The horse which Mr. J. E. Kinnamon was riding fell, and caught his rider's leg under him. No injury was done.

Master J. Homer Stevens and Mr. John Price visited friends and relatives in Philadelphia last week. A very pleasant time was spent visiting places of interest.

Miss Carrie McIntyre, of Philadelphia; Miss Julia Davis, of Pomona, and Miss Maud Miller, of Osceola Beach, are visiting Miss Ida and Fannie McIntyre, of Galena.

Mr. Charles Brown, of Rock Hall, is visiting friends in Norfork, Va.

Miss Mattie Davis has returned from a most delightful visit to the Misses Wilkinson, in Philadelphia.

Mr. Satterfield is driving the Rock Hall mail this month, while Mr. John J. Scoone, the regular driver, fishes his big nets.

Miss Sadie Hall, a popular young lady of Talbot, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Bramble, Pomona.

OF A SOCIAL NATURE.

Mrs William J. Vannort, on Friday evening entertained the Senior Endeavor Society of Christ M. P. Church. The members and friends assembled at 8 o'clock, and were given a most cordial welcome by mine hostess, Mrs. Vannort. After games and social pleasures, each gentleman was furnished with snowy white pop-corn strung on pieces of ribbon of different colors. Each lady was given a pop-corn bracelet and the gentlemen matched the color of their ribbon with the corresponding color of some lady's bracelet, and became her escort. Miss Amye Russell declaimed a charming piece. Messrs. David B. Ford, James Shuster and Arthur and Warren Hurlock, quartette with piano accompaniment by Miss Rose Frazier. Ice cream, custard and cake and coffee were enjoyed, and not until 11.30 o'clock did those present repair to their homes. All declare the occasion to have been one of unusual pleasure. Mrs. Vannort entered into the real spirit of the evening with as much earnestness and evident pleasure as the youngest guest who enjoyed her hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Eliason gave to their daughter, Miss Irma, a most delightful entertainment on Thursday evening last. The invitations read "The pleasure of your company is asked for on Thursday evening, January sixth, at eight o'clock, in the parlor of Mrs. Thomas W. Eliason. An Auction Sale.

"No check, no money need you bring,
A *draught* might give you cold;
We're only doing this for fun,
The buyer here—is sold."

The fortunate receivers of these were in a delightful state of excitement and curiosity to know what was to be bought and who was to be sold. Soon after the arrival of the guests, "Pillow Dex," a novel and lively game was introduced. This was interrupted by the distribution of pretty pink bags filled with beans, the currency to be used at the auction. Each bag contained "fifty dollars," and was accompanied by a list of the articles to be sold. This created a great deal of fun, as few knew the secret of the "sell." Mr. John Eliason earned for himself a reputation, as he offers his wares in real auctioneer style, in the usual persuasive tone, with flattering and enticing descriptions of each article. These were daintily wrapped in white paper and tied with pink ribbon. The bidding was quick and lively, the fun and excitement increasing every moment. The bidders were soon bankrupt, but at the end of the sale each found himself in possession of a charming souvenir of the evening's fun. A souvenir of "Greece" proved to be a cold cream box with silver top—"An aid to Reflection"—a tiny mirror—"A Fortune Teller." A pretty Daisy pin—"Before the Deluge," Noah's Ark, and so through a long list of delightful surprises. At the close of the auction a dainty supper was served in the dining room, which was prettily decorated in smilax and pink carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Crouch delightfully entertained a number of friends at a six o'clock dinner, on Tuesday of last week.

New Advertisements.

In order to close remaining winter stock, Moody & Lusby have made a further reduction in suits and overcoats to accomplish their purpose, and eminating from a reliable establishment like this you can rest assured 'tis *bona fide*.

Mr. Joseph H. Lewis, as will be seen by advertisement elsewhere in the TRANSCRIPT, has opened a butcher shop on High street, Chestertown, next door to J. H. Sides, jeweler. Mr. Lewis is an experienced butcher and will keep first class meat. He is worthy of encouragement.

A young lady of culture and refinement advertises in this issue for a position as governess. She is well qualified to fill such a position.

MATRIMONIAL EVENTS.

SKIRVEN—USILTON.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at St. James M. P. Church, on Thursday evening. The contracting parties were Mr. C. Romie Skirven and Miss Daisy S. Usilton, daughter of the late Lewin Usilton. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens, and conspicuous among the trimmings were two handsome cedars one on either side of the altar. The bridal couple approached the altar to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march beautifully rendered by Miss Clara Usilton, and were preceded up the aisle by the ushers: James G. Beck, Max Bird, Lewin Skirven and Earle Nicholson. Dr. J. L. Mills performed the impressive ceremony.

The bride was handsomely gowned in dark green cloth, en train, velvet and silk trimmings, bodice with vest effect of pink silk, and carried white carnations.

After the ceremony a reception and musicale was given at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Joseph R. Usilton. A grand supper, characteristic of the Worton ladies was spread and enjoyed. Mr. Charles H. Hurlock had charge of the musicale, and delighted all present with the songs, banjo solo, band pieces etc., as they came from Edison's phonograph. Among the large number present were: Mr. and Mrs. Reese Beck, Mr. and Mrs. S. Vannort, J. Walter Skirven and wife, W. T. Nicholson and wife. G. Wash. Skirven and wife, G. S. Biddle and wife, W. T. Morris and wife, Edw. Beck and wife, M. M. Rasin and wife, Wm. B. Edwards and wife, John Gale and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark, Mrs. J. P. Nicholson, Mrs. Mary Diehl, Mrs. Hattie Loud, Mrs. Annie Gale, Misses Carrie and Minnie Smyth, Mamie Catlin, Eva Walters, May Hurlock, Clara Biddle, Gertie Lusby, Clara Usilton, Ida Stevens, Clare Vannort, Nora Meyers, Carrie Anderson, Lillian Gale, Lena Gale, Ada Skirven, Messrs. T. J. Willis, W. B. Stephens, L. Jeff. Usilton, H. C. Willis, R. G. Nicholson, Harry and William Parsons, Clarence Crew, C. H. Hurlock, James G. Beck, C. L. Dodd, Arthur and Warren Hurlock, Lewin Skirven, Thomas Taylor, Willie Willis, Max Bird, Jesse Usilton and others.

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Locust Grove M. E. Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday evening, January 12th. In the holy bonds of matrimony were united Mr. Harry P. Kelley, a prominent young merchant of Locust Grove, and Miss Lillian E. Price, daughter of Mr. John B. Price. The church was handsomely and tastefully festooned and decorated. The altar was banked with potted plants, flowers and evergreens. Before the altar stood a graceful canopy from which was suspended a bell, the clapper of which was a spotless lily. As the clock chimed out the hour of seven, under the entrancing and triumphant strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Laura Price, sister of the bride, the bridal couple, preceded by their attendants, advanced to the altar. The bride and groom stood beneath the bell. The Rev. Frank Fletcher pronounced the impressive wedding service which made them man and wife, and there amid their friends they plighted their troth. The costumes were elaborate and costly. The bride was the admired of all with her simple gown of white mull trimmed with lace and decorated with smilax and lilies of the valley, and carrying a bouquet of bride roses. Next to the bride the admiration was especially given to the bridesmaids, Miss Mabel Price and Miss Clara VanDyke, whose dresses so tastefully corresponded with the bride's, arrayed as they were in white organdie over pink, with lace trimmings. They both carried bouquets of roses and carnations. The ushers were: Messrs. Sereck Shallcross and Carl Price. After the ceremony a collation was spread for the numerous guests at the home of the bride's parents. The presents were many and elegant. The groom took his bride after the festivities to their future home in Locust Grove. GUEST.

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Mr. Henry Curtis Blackiston and Miss Mary Morrow, were married in St. John's Church, Hampton, Va., at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Miss Ethelind Crisfield and Miss Maria Noland, were two, of the six bridesmaids. Mr. Eben F. Perkins, Jr., was best man.

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The wedding of Mr. George Z. Roland of Chestertown, and Miss Mamie Spicer, of Baltimore, took place at the bride's home yesterday, January 12th.

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Cards are our for the marriage of Mr. John Carvill Sutton, of Black's, and Miss Catherine P. Welch, to take place Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, at 6.30, at Shrewsbury Church.

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The wedding of Mr. James G. Beck and Miss Mamie Catlin is announced for Wednesday, January 26th, in Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, Chestertown, at 12 o'clock noon. No cards in the county.

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Invitations have been issued to the wedding of Miss Gertruge VanDyke and Harry Clarke, at William Vandergrift's, near Cecilton, on Wednesday, Jan. 12th.

Crumpton Items.

Chriatmas has come and gone, the New Year was ushered in with noiseless tread, and has been marching on ever since on that evenful way, consequently we have very little to say for Crumpton.

Watch-night services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church in this town. The Rev. James Carroll, pastor in charge, conducting. The night being cold very few were in attendance.

Mr. James W. Walls and wife were in attendance at the marriage of Mr. Wm. Whiteley, Kennedyville, last week.

Mrs. Spencer Merrick and Miss Addie Sheppard spent last Thursday and Friday in Chestertown with friends.

Mrs. John T. Harrison took her eldest son, Paul, to Baltimore Thursday to enter Bryant & Stratton's business college. Paul is a fine young man and will no doubt make remarkable progress as he has always been a hard student.

Miss Emma McLain, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. W. T. Atkinson. The charming young lady arrived last Saturday on the steamer Corsica. Miss McLain is a great favorite with the young men of this town.

Mr. James Hart, of Millington, has moved into one of Dr. Sheppard's houses in the west end.

Mr. Rolph's family at Kirby's Landing moved into the property of E. A. Sparks, vacated by Day Emerson. We welcome Mr. R. and family and feel sure they are a great help to the church.

There have been a number of changes in many of the homes of our people, gaining some and losing some.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hubbard and daughter, Ada, visited their eldest daughter, Mrs. Medford Teat, of Church Hill, last Tuesday. Miss Ada will be gone a month.

Mr. Benjamin Cowen is again serving Mr. C. A. Bradley as clerk at the Crumpton House.

Professor John G. Robinson, the popular organ man, was in town last Wednesday.

Messrs. John and Harry Harrison have been in Philadelphia for the past week making arrangements preparatory to Harry's entering college.

Miss Francis Buss, who has for the past ten days been visiting in New York, returned home last Tuesday.—Notes from the *Record*.

OUR GAME LAWS.

Gunners Interested in the Subject of Game Protection and so Express Themselves.

The recent reference to local and State game laws was a matter of general interest to Kent county sportsmen, and they express themselves freely as to the needs of game protection. Here are additional expressions from representative gunners.

C. Harry Price, Still Pond said: "We want and need a law to break up, if possible, all shooting game out of boats day or night. Then too, restrict duck shooting to three or four days each week. This will give ducks at least a chance to settle and feed. Let the partridge law date from the twentieth of November to the twentieth of December. The rabbit law is alright as it is. We should certainly protect our song birds. I include under this head the robbin. The season should be closed all the year as far as our feathered songsters are concerned. Laws should be as nearly uniform throughout the State as possible."

Thomas D. France—The game warden system as at present is a farce. The enforcement of the law should be placed in the hands of the constabulary. Let it be his sworn duty to make arrests and pay him for it. Fines from arrests, and if necessary, other funds should be available for this purpose. The partridge and rabbit law is alright at as present. As far as doves and woodcock are concerned, I know they are in season long before November, but to have an earlier season for them would open the door to abuses of the law governing the shooting of partridges and rabbits. Dr. Gilpin struck the keynote in his reference to the prohibition of shooting from boats. I know it is difficult to get at, but there must be something done in this direction.

John N. Duyer.—The present law is alright. We must enforce it. I am at a loss to suggest a method of enforcing it unless a feeling of personal interest in the matter will prompt every citizen to see to it that the law is carried out.

James McKee—The present dates are about right. The trouble is to enforce the law. I think the royalty on hawk's heads did a great deal for our game interests.

Mr. George C. Atkinson.—In my opinion it would be better to have the season open fifteen days later and close fifteen days later. The truth of the matter is, that many young and half grown birds are killed during the first two weeks of each gunning season. As a rule there is but little gunning done after Christmas and the damage would not be very great by extending the close of the season. The present game warden system is a failure, but if the owners of land and gunners will not enforce the law I am at a loss as to what remedy to suggest. Mr. Atkinson is one of the veteran gunners of Chestertown.

W. H. McFeely.—While having some objections, I scarcely see how the present law can be improved. It would be a mistake to open the woodcock season earlier than at present and it would be equally fatal to make the season for other game later than at present.

The Maryland Game and Fish Protective Association sometime ago appointed a committee to recommend the details of a law to be presented to the Legislature.

The report of the committee concerning the game laws has been drafted by Dr. G. W. Massamore, who has gone all over the State studying the needs of each section and the consensus of opinion on the subject by sportsmen of every county.

The Game Association is working to have the game laws over the State as nearly uniform as practicable, the laws at present being so complicated and intricate that gunners are in continual danger of breaking some law without knowing it. The shooting season varies in the various counties so much that all sorts of inconsistencies are found. For the purpose of uniformity the law committee will recommend that the State be divided into three sections, each one to have game laws suitable to that locality and uniform in every county of each section.

One section will comprise the counties of Garrett, Allegany and Washington, and the shooting season will be from Oct. 1 to December 24.

The second section will comprise Frederick, Montgomery, Carroll, Baltimore, Howard, Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Harford, Cecil, Charles, Talbot, Calvert, St. Mary's, Kent, Caroline and Queen Anne. The shooting season for this division will be, if the recommendations are carried out, from Nov. 1 to December 24th.

The third section will comprise Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset. The shooting season for that division will be longer than the others because the climate is milder and the birds and game have a better chance. The season there will extend from Nov. 1 to January 15.

The association, while not framing or urging the passage of such a bill, will recommend to the Legislature that all stationary nets be abolished, and all nets except gill and seines.

The association will recommend a law making the catching of fish under the following sizes unlawful: Black bass, 12 inches; white perch, 7½ inches; yellow perch, 9 inches; brook trout, 6 inches; rainbow trout, 8 inches. If any fish under lawful sizes be caught in seines, nets or by hook and line they must be returned to the water.

FROM ROCK HALL.

District Deputy Grand Master Ryan, assisted by the following past grands, J. B. Willson, W. T. George, L. I. Whaland and J. W. Joiner, installed the new officers of Maxwell Lodge, No. 27, I. O. O. F., at the last meeting as follows: Sam'l B. Colyer, N G.; Jeff. D. Ayres, V. G.; John W. Boyer, Rec. Sec'y; Milton L. Maslin, Financial Sec'y; Thomas J. Rich, Chaplain; Jas. O. Harrison, O. G.; Charles Harrison, I. G.; William Apsley, Warden.

Muskrats are in great abundance this winter, and many of our watermen have enjoyed much sport during the recent freeze in capturing them.

The second ice embargo of the season disappeared on Saturday, and the oystermen and fishermen now have free egress and ingress to and from the bay.

There is some apprehension that the new wharf in the harbor will not be ready for use for many months yet. If such should be the case, it will prove a disappointment to many.

The late freeze was productive of numerous cold baths. Among those receiving such were: Messrs. Charles Downey and Thomas Colyer. The former was pulled out by persons nearby, while the latter was compelled to break ice clear to the shore.

Our village was considerably enlivened on Wednesday last by the visit of three wedding couples, all non-residents. They took in all points of interest during their stay.

One of our citizens, the possessor of a $100 silver certificate, was in considerable uneasiness a few days ago lest he was too late in complying with the recent call of the Secretary of the Treasury. He was finally assured that he was in time, and went on his way rejoicing. BON JOUR.

OBITUARY.

THOMAS J. F. SMITH.

Mr. Thomas J. F. Smith, one of the oldest residents of Millington, died at his home in that town, early last Thursday morning. Mr. Smith had been an invalid for nearly four years, being helplessly paralyzed, having received his first stroke March 12th, 1894. From that time he had been confined to his room, and being a man of large statue, there could be little hope of his recovery.

Mr. Smith was born in Delaware, October 7th, 1819. For several years his father was in the blacksmith business in Smyrna, but his health failed and he moved to his farm, where he died. The property is now owned by Mrs. D. A. Price. After the death of his father, the subject of this sketch moved to the farm adjoining where he spent the greater part of his life, having converted it from a forest into what was recognized by many to be one of the finest grain and stock farms in the first district of Kent county. He was a man of enterprise and perserverance, and recognizing increasing acreage in wheat and the need of threshing machinery, he was among the first to run a separator in this section, threshing wheat from Smyrna to Chestertown.

On May 10th, 1852, he married Miss Margaret Lamb, daughter of the late Thomas Lamb, of Blackiston's, Del. They had five children, of whom three are still living. Mrs. Smith died on May 5th, 1888. In 1889 he sold his farm where he had resided for so many years, and in Jan. 1890, moved into Millington, where he spent the remainder of his life. On Jan. 15th, 1891, he married his second wife, Mrs. Lydia M. Coumbe, of Philadelphia, who survives him.

In politics, Mr. Smith was a whig, but afterward became a republican. On his 21st birthday he voted for Wm. Henry Harrison and afterward for his grandson, Benjamin Harrison.

Mr. Smith had been a member of the M. E. Church since his 17th year and was a man of upright christian character, always ready with word or means to help any one who came to him, and when in his last sickness, while he could only be helped from his bed to his chair, he manifested great christian fortitude and patience, and done suffering here on earth, he has entered into that rest which remains for the people of God. For many years, until a few before his affliction, he was a steward in the church at Millington and at Blackiston.

Two sons, J. Thomas and Frank L. Smith, and one daughter, Margaret L. Smith, survive him. His funeral took place Saturday afternoon, Jan. 8th, from his late residence; interment in Millington cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. A. Hendrickson, J. E. Bailey, F. S. Bottomley, J. H. Weist, J. B. Hurlock and J. C. Vansant. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. C. Smoot; interment was in charge of Mr. J. L. Smith, undertaker.

FRANCIS WILLING

Mr. Francis Willing, after years of sore affliction, died at his home on High street on Thursday, aged about seventy-four years. He had for years been a great sufferer from rheumatism, and for several years past had been utterly helpless. Under the ever-watchful ministrations of a devoted wife his declining years were made as comfortable as possible, and death came as a blessed relief to the christian sufferer. Mrs. Willing will make her future home with a daughter in Philadelphia.

A letter from Mrs. H. L. Chew, states that Mr. Chew passed away at his home on New Years day at 5 o'clock P. M. On Congress Heights, Washington, D. C., Monday at 5.30 P. M. there was a beautiful evening service in his own home, conducted by Rev. J. R. Cannon, a friend, and pastor of the M. E. Church. Tuesday the remains were met by Rev. F. C. Humphrey, pastor of St. Johns Episcopal Church, of Havre de Grace, who officiated at the marriage two years ago, Jan. 15, 1896. By Mr. Chew's own frequent and earnest request, he was laid at rest beside his wife's grandmother, in Angel Hill cemetery. Mrs. Chew says: "He was remembered with the most beautiful flowers, and many, many people who knew of his high character were there with me in my trouble."

Church Notes

There will be a requem Mass offered for the late Mrs. Samuel Rawleigh, at the Sacred Heart Church, to-morrow (Friday) morning, at 8 o'clock.

Revival services will be held in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, for two weeks, beginning January 16th. Preaching every night. The evangelist, W. K. Galloway, who has had great success as a revivalist, will be with us to assist in the good work. All are cordially invited to attend. Come and hear the evangelist preach on Sabbath morning, January 16th. By order of the elders PHILIP P. REESE, Pastor.

Christ M. P. Sunday school elected officers last Sunday as follows: Supt., W. B. Usilton; ass't. supt., Wm. A. Wheatley; treas., Miss Annie Russell; sect'y, Miss Maggie Anderson; librarians, James D. Lucas, Fred Russell and Raymond Simpers; chorister, W. W. Chapman; organist, Miss Rose Frazier; pianist, Miss Clare Vannort.

The M. E. Sunday school, of Rock Hall, elected the following officers on Sunday: Sup't. J. T. Greenwood; assistant sup't., J. T. Arthur; secretary, Miss Nettie Hersch; treasurer, Wm. T. Downey; organist, Nannie Taylor; assistant, Cretia Arthur; librarian, C. A. Greenwood; assistant, Willie Hynson.

Worton Items.

There were a great many removals in this neighborhood this year.

The roads in this locality are very bad.

LaGrippe has seized some of our citizens. Mr. Jos. Porter and Mr. John A. Duyer we are glad to report are convalescent.

With pleasure we state that Mrs. Katie Cooper, who has been quite sick with malaria fever, is able to be among us again.

A pleasant dance was held at the residence of Mr. Wm. Joiner on Tuesday evening.

A great many around here attended the wedding of Miss Daisy Usilton and Mr. Romie Skirven on last Thursday evening.

Mrs. George Parsons and daughter, Miss Mabel Hohnes, of Worton, are visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Mollie Ashley has returned home after a pleasant visit to friends in Baltimore.

Miss Margie Cooper is visiting friends in and around Fairlee.

Mrs. Daniel E. Jewell, of this place, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Rouse, of Chestertown.

Miss Sparks, of Centreville, is visiting Mrs. Ella Stevens, of Worton.

Mr. Frank Parsons, of Edesville, is visiting in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Alice Rasin, of Still Pond, has returned home after a pleasant stay with relatives in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Rouse, we are glad to report, is better.

Mr. Howard Turner, of Kennedyville, is visiting his brother, Mr. Albert Turner, of Worton. MADGE.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield *News*, bearing date of April 3, 1895. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS.

Our village has at last become quiet after the recent murder here. May we never experience another such evening as that. Let it be as a warning to all never to become engaged in a quarrel with our fellow beings.

The recent cold spell gave much real genuine pleasure to all the skaters. Dreka's mill pond was in excellent condition for skating the early part of last week. Crowds were on from all the surrounding country during the moonlight evenings, and there were some fine exhibitions of expert skating. Master Lester Edwards, son of Mr. John Edwards, of Cecil, is a phenomenon on skates. He is scarcely seven years of age, but he could out class most of his elders in some of the more difficult performances.

Most of the farmers around filled their ice houses with good, clear five-inch ice.

Mr. Lun Caulk, who had recently secured a lucrative position with John Wanamaker, Philadelphia, returned home Xmas day sick. He is now lying dangerously ill with typhoid fever at the home of his mother, near town. His physician, Dr. Wright, of Warwick, thinks him slightly improved at this writing. His many friends will be glad to hear of his speedy recovery.

Miss Emma Johns, who has been on a protracted visit to her sister in Philadelphia, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Alex Lawes has returned from a visit to St. George's, Del.

Miss Josephine Crawford, of near Dover, and Miss Nan Toulson, of Kennedyville, spent several days the past week with Mrs. Frank Sylvester.

Mr. John F. Ernest and son spent Thursday in Wilmington.

Mr. Luff Spear, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Spry attended the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Allen, at their home near Cecilton, on Monday evening last.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. P. Church met last evening at the home of Mrs. Christopher Martin.

Messrs. Henry Rosin and Wm. Spry expect to leave the latter part of the week for Easton and other points in Talbot county. They will drive down and expect to be gone a week. C.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Everybody welcome—seats free. Services next Sunday and next week are as follows: Preaching by the Pastor, Dr. C. A. Grise at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.

Class meetings—Sunday morning at 9, Monday and Wednesday nights at 7.30.

Weekly prayer meeting Friday night.

Sunday School at 2