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LOCAL MATTERS.

A Big Fox Hunt.—The sportsmen of Broad Neck enjoyed a royal hunt on Tuesday. So enthusiastic were the huntsmen that ladies were drawn into the sport and among the forty huntsmen were: Mrs. Thomas Trew, Misses Laura and Celeno Jessop and Anna Willson. The snowstorm put a stop to the sport and after a run to Swan Point the dogs were called off. The packs of Messrs. James Coleman, Frank Toulson and Connlly Beachamp were in the chase.

The Kent-Queen Anne Hunt.—A decided difference of opinion exists among the respective huntsmen relative to the result of the big fox chase in Queen Anne last week. A Kent countian asserted yesterday that two of the three dogs in the lead at the finish were from Kent and one from Queen Anne. Here is what a Queen Anne hunter insists upon: A prominent Queen Anne fox hunter who participated in the big Kent-Queen Anne hunt of last week, says that the Queen Anne dogs have been done a great injustice by a published account of the hunt. This huntsman declares that instead of but three dogs being in at the finish and all of them Kent county dogs; two of the leaders at the end were Queen Anne's dogs, and *one* from Kent.

Bitten by a Supposed Mad Dog.—Mattie Maslin, the interesting little twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. Thomas C. Maslin, was bitten recently by a dog supposed to be suffering with rabies. The child was in the yard of her home, near Rock Hall, when bitten. Dr. T. B. Willson was called in and found that the dog's teeth had made a slight abrasure of the skin on the arm, and advised that she be given the benefit of the Pasteur treatment. Mattie was accordingly taken to Baltimore where she is being treated. The physicians in charge requested that the head of the animal which inflicted the wound be sent them in order that an examination might be made to determine the question of the character of the trouble with which the dog was suffering at the time of the biting, which has been done.

Fruit Growers Meeting.—The State convention of Fruit Growers and Nurserymen met in session in Baltimore yesterday and will continue in session today. The first address on the programme under the heading "Topics for General Discussion" was, "Is State Legislation Necessary for the Preservation of our Orchards and Nurseries?" by Capt. R. S. Emory. The Kent county pear king has well-defined ideas on this subject, and will enter a vigorous appeal for State aid in assisting Prof. W. G. Johnson in his splendid work of combatting San Jose Scale and other insects which are threatening the great fruit interests of the State with total destruction. Senator Westcott is on today's programme for a twenty minutes talk.

A Sermon Cost $1,000.—The Sermon by Rev. Alfred Smith, in Wesley M. E. Church, at Dover, some weeks ago, denouncing the Kent Club, of that town, has been much discussed all over the State, particularly by members of Wesley Church and citizens of Dover. A correspondent of the *Every Evening* of Tuesday of last week writes as follows: "The denunciation of the Kent Club by members of Wesley Church will cause that church to lose $1,000, which sum a prominent citizen of Dover had intended to give to the church on the occasion of its rededication, next month. He will save the money for some church whose members do not deride the Kent Club." In his sermon Dr. Smith said "that the Kent Club is a place where the young men of Dover are in training for the blackleg's table." Besides he denounced dancing and pool playing in no mild terms.

Interesting Case Decided.—An interesting chancery case in which William E. Jarrell, of this county, was plaintiff, and the heirs of Wm. A. Felton, of Philadelphia, who own lands in Queen Anne's county, were defendants, was decided by the Court of Appeals recently. Mr. Jarrell employed Mr. Hope H. Barroll of this town to file a bill in equity, and subject the Felton lands in Queen Anne's county for payment of the Felton's debts. Testimony was taken and after the case was at issue, an administrator was oppointed in Queen Anne. The Feltons were represented by W. Scott Roberts and B. Palmer Keating. They claimed that the testimony did not show that Felton's personal estate was insufficient for the payment of his debts, and as this was the case the real estate should not be sold. The case was heard by Judge Russum, who dismissed Mr. Jarrell's bill and immediately another bill was filed by Messrs. P. B. Hopper and John B. Brown, representing other creditors of Felton's estate. The Court of Appeals in handing down its decision says: That the administrator in Queen Anne's county should be made a party, that it is satisfied from the proof that Mr. Felton's personal estate was not sufficient for the payment of his debts, and directs that further proceedings shall be taken by Mr. Jarrell looking to a sale of the real estate. The amount involved is about $1200.00. This decision will stop further proceedings under the record bill.

A Good Fruit Crop Predicted.

A Caroline county fruit grower has had the timerity to venture out ahead of the ground hog and commence peach crop prophecies. Here is what he says, take it for what it is worth, and by-the-by, it's too early in the season to be worth a great deal:

"Mr. William T. Kelley, of Preston writes to the *Journal* as follows: "Having seen an item published from Sussex county, Del., saying that the peach buds were unusually large when the cold weather set in and that the crop was consequently badly injured by the first freeze, I will state that such is not the case in Caroline county, nor can't be true in the adjoining county of Sussex. In the first place, the buds have developed scarcely any, being unusually backward, like the wheat crop. The growth of the wheat in the fall is a sure indicator of the growth of peach buds. So, when the cold weather set in this winter the buds, being small, withstood the first freeze. This first shock often does much damage, if they are much advanced. I will here state another fact, that in the forty years and over that I have been growing peaches I cannot recall an instance in which the buds have been winter killed, or that the thermometer fell below ten degrees below zero (ten degrees below always kills them) after the tenth of January. All the lower temperatures in these years that killed them has been at or near the beginning of the new year. Now they have passed the winter killing period all right, and they are safe till blooming time. Late blossoming almost always ensures a good crop. All other fruit buds are but little developed. All are governed by the season as is the wheat."

To Incorporate Still Pond.—A petition is being circulated and is being signed by the most prominent citizens of St. Pond, to have the name of that village changed to Kentland and the town duly incorporated. There seems to be no opposition to the plan and the outlook is that the matter will go through without a delay or a break.

Electric Light Assured.—Messrs. Tracy and Wright, the gentlemen figuring on electric lighting for Chestertown, have located here permanently, and unless something unexpected occurs the enterprise is at last practically assured. The desired site for the valuable plant, though virtually assured at the ice factory lot of Mr. R. G. Nicholson, will not be settled absolutely until this afternoon. The location, the gentlemen said yesterday, is available in every respect. They propose to give a first-class light at a minimum cost, and stated yesterday positively that just as soon as the deed to the lot on which the plant will be located can be arranged work will be commenced on the necessary buildings, machinery will be ordered and the work pushed ahead. The Chestertown Electric Light Company has evidently not "struck a snag" as yet. Success to the enterprise and the young men who are back of it with their money and energy.

OVER THE TRAPS.

Kent Sportsmen Having Royal Fun During These Winter Days.

Rarely have Kent county sportsmen so fully entered into the fun of shooting over the traps as now. Clay pigeons, English sparrows, crows and the dead mark have all come in to test the skill of Kent's crack shots.

Mr. John McKee refuses to turn his back on the best when shooting at a dead mark, and won a fine turkey at a Morgnec shoot last week. Fred Cotton also won a fat turkey.

A Kennedyville sportsman is reported to have dropped $10 to Crawford, Kennedyville's crack gun shot, on a wager that Crawford could not kill six out of ten live birds. Crawford killed nine of the ten birds thrown out and struck the tenth bird hard. Who can beat this work of the Kennedyville man?

NORTHERN CONVOCATION.

Interesting Discussions and Eloquent Sermons by the Ministers Assembled.

The Northern Convocation of the Diocese of Easton met in Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal church on Monday evening. The interesting programme was opened by prayer on Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock, after which, the subject, "The Christian in the Family, in the Church and in the Community" was interestingly discussed by Revs. William Schouler, C. T. Denroche and Giles B. Cook. The important relation of an elevated Christian citizenship to every department of life was exhaustively treated, and the pity is that a greater number were not present to be benefited.

The services on Tuesday morning commenced at 10.30 o'clock. The conversion of St. Paul, followed by the administration of the Holy Communion, after which Dean Giles B. Cook preached an eloquent sermon.

7.30 P. M.—subject of discussion, Conversion, its True Meaning as Exemplified in the case of St. Paul. Speakers, Rev. Messrs. William Schouler, Kimball and Alexander M. Rich.

The meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary at 3.30 P. M. was one of the most largely attended and interesting meetings of the convocation. In spite of the miserable condition of the roads, many of the most distant sections of Kent were represented, with a number of persons from Queen Anne. Mrs. Physic, of New York, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, gave a delightful talk along the line of Christian charity. This was one of those rare treats which all enjoy who are fortunate enough to hear.

The programme yesterday was: 10.30 A. M., sermon by Rev. C. T. Denroche; 3.30 P. M., business meeting of the convocation at the rectory; 7.30 P. M., subject, "Missions"—speakers, Rev. Messrs. Albert Ware, Alexander Rich and Bishop Adams.

OBITUARY.

THOMAS W. WICKES.

Thomas W. Wickes, a well known citizen of Chestertown, died at his home on Queen street at 6.15 o'clock on Monday evening, of heart disease and a complication of troubles. He was in his fiftieth year. Until about two years ago his health was exceptionally good, but he was then stricken with partial paralysis, from the effects of which he never entirely recovered. From that time his health was poor, and but for the exercise of remarkable will power he would possibly never have sufficiently recovered to go again on the streets. He had a severe spell last fall, since which time he has continued to gradually become weaker and show the fatal inroads of disease. He was confined to his bed scarcely a week in his last illness and retained consciousness to the very last moment. Realizing that death was at hand, with the same remarkable will which had characterized him, after prayer by Rev. J. M. Gill, he gave full instructions as to where he should be buried, selecting St. Paul's; he asked Mr. Gill to officiate at his funeral, named Messrs. William M. Slay, R. D. Hynson, M. A. Toulson, Charles L. Dodd, George B. Westcott and Harrison W. Vickers as his pall-bearers, and asking his wife to notify Mr. Reiche as soon as he was dead, with the words "I think I'll rest now," on his lips, turned his face to the pillow and was dead. The deceased was a son of the late Simon Wickes, and as a young man conducted a thriving drug business in Chestertown. A widow and one daughter, Miss Lottie Wickes, survive him.

Funeral services will take place at his late residence at 10 o'clock this morning, Rev. J. M. Gill officiating, assisted by Dr. S. C. Roberts.

WILLIAM WALLACE MATTHEWS.

William Wallace Matthews, aged three years and six months, the youngest child of William T. and Amelia P. Matthews, died at the home of his parents, at 6.15 o'clock on Monday evening, of membrinous croup. This chubby, bright little fellow was the especial admiration of a large audience at a recent entertainment of the M. E. Sunday school, when he impersonated "Dinah." Willie was an unusually bright and interesting child and every one who knew him recognized a child of more than usual attractiveness. All that medical skill could do was done for the little sufferer but without avail. He retained consciousness almost to the last and the death was extremely sad. Funeral services will be held at four o'clock on this (Thursday) afternoon; interment in Chester cemetary. All friends are invited.

GEORGE R. WEBB.

George R. Webb, well-known in Chestertown, died at his home in Baltimore on Thursday last, aged thirty-five years. Mr. Webb was born in Smyrna, Del., but as a young man came to Chestertown and took a position in the store of the late A. J. Cahall. He afterward went to Baltimore and at the time of his death was employed in the "Hub" one of the largest clothing houses in the city. Interment was made in Centreville, Rev. G. W. Haddaway, of the M. P. Church, officiating. Mr. Webb left a wife and two children.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† A tame buzzard has been making numerous calls in the vicinity of Copper's school house. The bird visited Mr. W. T. Nicholson's, Mr. Copper's school, Mr. J. Walter Skirven's and other places. Though apparently "tame," it is supposed to be injured in its wing.

† Because of the miserable condition of the roads, Mr. George R. Rouse has found it almost impossible to meet the demands of his oil customers. The big tanks are all right for good roads but are too heavy for a "January thaw."

† The strawboard wagons, undetered by the condition of the roads, have kept going, but with light loads.

† Capt. George Tarbutton, who has been superintending the overhauling of the steamer Sassafras, stated to a TRANSCRIPT reporter on Monday that his vessel is being put in thorough order. New Brussells carpets for the saloons, a new coat of paint and varnish, in short, said the genial captain, if the weather remains open she will resume her trips on or about the tenth of February, and will be "A thing of beauty and a joy forever."

† A number of crops of wheat are still in the stack unthreshed, and in some cases the threshers are in place ready for work. This is rather a mid-winter novelty.

† The special mid-winter excursion between Tolchester and Baltimore on Saturday was largely patronized in spite of bad roads.

† Quite a thunder storm passed over Chestertown at 5.30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. The peals of thunder were distinct and the flashes of lightning vivid. The ground was covered with snow at the time.

† Tillie Diggs, a colored girl, was sentenced to the House of Correction for four months, on Tuesday. The girl had stolen a hat and other articles of clothing from Mrs. Frank Gilpin.

† The Chesapeake House, at Betterton, one of the most delightfully situated hotels on the Chesapeake bay, is reported as having been sold by Capt. Harvey Brice to Messrs. George and Jack Owens for $4,000

† Mr. William M. Culp has purchased the beautifully situated building lot on Washington Ave., belonging to Mr. W. T. Wright, and will erect a pretty residence thereon during the present year.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Robert G. Nicholson spent last week pleasantly in visiting friends in Baltimore and elsewhere.

Miss Annie Brown is visiting at the home of Mrs. Lucy Houston, High st.

The St. James Sewing Circle will hold its regular meeting at Mr. G. W. Skirven's on next Thursday. These meetings are always delightful occasions to the members and friends of this useful organization of ladies.

The TRANSCRIPT is in receipt of the complete annual report of Chapter 1408, of Epworth Church, Washington D. C. The results of the year's work are even more than gratifying, showing a spirit of healthful progressiveness along all lines, and most gratifying of all is that a Kent county boy is a live, vigorous factor in the splendid work of this chapter of the League. Mr. A. Vernon Gale, a son of Mrs. M. Gale, of Still Pond, who has a position in Washington, is a member of this chapter and was the third vice-president or chairman of the Social and Literary department the first six months of the year reported above, and it was largely through his efforts that that department was able to make such a good report and at the last monthly business meeting of the chapter, held Jan. 10th, was elected 1st vice-president or chairman of the devotional committee.

The Ladies Mite Society of Grace Presbyterian Church, will meet on Tuesday evening of next week, at the home of Capt. Daniel Hill. An enjoyable program has been prepared. All invited to attend.

Mr. H. L. Davies, one of our most worthy citizens, and one who for several years past has been engaged in the creamery business at this place, has removed with his family to Berryville, Va.

Mr. W. B. Cleaver is visiting friends in Harrisburg, Pa.

Mr. Harry Hodgskin is enjoying a short holiday in the city. Mr. Charles Pippin is operating in conjunction with telegraph operator W. M. Culp, during Mr. Hodgskins absence.

Mr. W. C. Brown, a graduate of Washington College class of '96, but who was given a consultate to Australia by President Cleveland, is now enjoying a trip through Tasmania and Van Dieman's Land. Consul Brown is a member of a party who are using their bicycles whenever practicable during the trip.

Mr. Oliver Jones, a hustling Chestertown boy now in Philadelphia, is preparing to start for Costa Rica, Central America, where he has accepted a desirable position. Mrs. Jones is now in Philadelphia getting him ready for his long trip.

Miss Clare Vannort is the guest of Baltimore friends

Mrs. F. D. Leary is enjoying a short visit to friends in Baltimore city.

City Solicitor Thomas I. Elliott, of Baltimore, has been visiting Harrison W. Vickers, Esq. Mr. Elliott is a Hooper republican as opposed to the degradation of official life in the management of the affairs of a great city.

Mrs. M. A. Toulson honors the position of president of the Kent county bible society.

Mrs. Nichols and little daughter, of Baltimore, are visiting at the home of Mr. J. K. Aldridge.

Mrs. Delma Dyott has returned from a trip up the Hudson river.

Mrs. Allen, mother of Mr. James E. Allen, left last week for Baltimore county where she will spend the remainder of the winter with her daughter.

Mr. James L. Russell, of Washington, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Russell.

Miss Mamie Copper, a trained nurse at the Sheppard Asylum, was called to Chestertown last week to see her mother who has been quite sick.

Miss Minnie Dillihunt, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Hope Wallis, on Mill street.

Mr. I. S. Stratton, of Sweedsboro', N. J., and Mrs. C. M. Peters, of Wesley, Md., were the guests of Mr. W. W. Hubbard on Washington avenue.

Mr. J. H. Smith, of Cecilton, district deputy State councilor, paid Chestertown Council Jr. O. U. A. M. an official visit Friday night.

Mrs. Capt. Wm. H. Vandyke, of Baltimore, has been visiting friends in town.

Mr. Frank Simpers is visiting friends in Washington and elsewhere.

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Harding and Mr. Budd F. Potts, is announced to take place Wednesday evening, February second, at half-past seven o'clock in Still Pond M. E. Church. No cards in the county.

Register of Wills C. S. Hurlock spent Monday on a business trip to Delaware.

Mr. Edgar F. Bishop, who lives on the fine farm of Mr. Alday Clements, near Middletown, Del., spent several days of last week in Kent. Mr. Bishop is one of the hustling young farmers of that splendidly developed agricultural section and will assume charge next year of the fine property recently purchased by Mr. Clements of Mr. E. E. Marsh, near Warwick.

MATRIMONIAL EVENTS.

A Pretty Wedding in Emmanuel P. E. Church at Noon Yesterday.

BECK—CATLIN.

The marriage of Mr. James G. Beck and Miss Mamie Catlin was solemnized at Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church at noon yesterday. Dr. Stephen C. Roberts, rector of the church, officiating, assisted by Bishop William Forbes Adams, of the Diocese of Easton, and Rev. Chris T. Denroche, rector of St. Pauls.

The chancel of the church was tastefully decorated with evergreens. The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother, Dr. Barrett C. Catlin, of Baltimore, preceded by the ushers, John A. C. Hance, of Calvert county, Horace Constable, Lenox Catlin and R. Snowden Thomas. The bride was met at the chancel by the groom attended by Mr. George Parrott, his best man. The bride wore a handsome traveling suit of blue broadcloth, black picture hat, tan gloves and carried a bunch of violets tied with violet ribbon, and was married with her mother's wedding ring. The bride-groom and his attendants wore boutonnieres of violets. Miss Mary Hurtt presided at the organ. Mr. and Mrs. Beck immediately took the afternoon train at Millington for a northern tour. Upon their return they will occupy the pretty home, 114 Queen Street east.

Mr. Beck is one of Chestertown's most aggressive and popular young business men. The TRANSCRIPT extends most sincere congratulations.

A DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION.

Miss Mamie Catlin received most pleasantly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith, on Tuesday evening from seven to nine o'clock. The bride-elect wore a beautiful gown of ashes of rosecerese silk, velvet and chiffon, which was one of her mothers wedding gowns. Those who assisted Miss Catlin in receiving were: Misses May Parrott, Sadie Burgess, Lil Parrott, and Dr. Barrett C. Catlin, Messrs. John A. C. Hance, R. Snowden Thomas, Lenox Catlin and Horace Constable. The parlors were filled during the evening, and besides being delightfully entertained, the guests were privileged to see the numerous handsome presents which had been sent by many warm personal friends of the popular young couple. Conspicuous among the presents was a handsome silver service, the gift of Mrs. Milicent Beck, of Washington, grandmother of the bridegroom.

SOCIAL.

Pleasant Social Features of the Past Week.

St. Paul's Sociable was held at the residence of Mr. Robert Morgan, on Thursday last, Jan. 20th. The programme consisted of Music, Mr. David Ford; Recitation, "Pict. of Jas. P. Neal," Miss Edna Strong; Reading, Five Men Talk, Mrs Denroche; Music, Shells of the Ocean, Misses Strong; Reading, What Wm. Henry Did, Mr. Denroche; Solo, I's Guine Back to Dixie, Mrs. Blackiston; Musical, Jesus Lover of My Soul, Mr. Ford; Reading, Cy Kent's Mistake, Mrs. Trew; Song, I Cannot Sing the Old Song, Mrs. Denroche; Resitation, Priscilla's Answer, Miss Blanche Weeks; Music, Mr. Ford.

The next meeting will be held at Mr. Tilden Brice's, Thursday, February 3rd, 1898. The programme will be as follows: Music, Orchestra; Recitation, Miss Anna Strong; Reading, Mrs. Walter Francis; Duette, Mrs. Denroche and Mrs. Arrowsmith; Recitation, Miss Edith Reese; Reading, Mrs. George Bell; Solo, Miss Sophia Beck; Music; Reading, Mrs. Walker Strong; Recitation, Miss Louise Price; Recitation, Miss Anna Willson; Music.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Miller celebrated the ninth anniversary of their marriage, by a delightful supper to a few intimate friends, at their home on Maple Ave., on Monday evening.

A pleasant family reunion was held at Mr. John P. Nicholson's on Friday. A splendid dinner was served, and the day was passed in social enjoyments. Those present were: William T. Nicholson and family, Romie Skirven and wife, Joseph R. Usilton and wife, J. Walter Skirven, wife and daughter, and Miss Skirven's friend, Frank Crow and wife, Washington G. Skirven and wife, and Mrs. Skirven's mother and Dr. J. L. Mills. It was regretted that Mrs. Mills was not well enough to be present.

The young men of Still Pond will give a delightful dance in Still Pond hall tomorrow evening. The invitation committee are: Messrs. W. R. Crow, W. J. Hepbron, E. B. Pennington, Jr., Howard Parrott, and J. B. Parrott. The floor committee will be: W. R. Price, G. E. Parrott and J. B. Parrott.

Amicable Lodge I. O. O. F. 117, Chestertown, entertained its members and a number of invited friends at a pleasant musical treat in their lodge room on Monday evening. Prof. Twilley was present with his graphophone and a number of new pieces. Amicable Lodge is one of the most aggressive organizations in the county and their home is an ideal of neatness and comfort for Lodge work.

KENNEDYVILLE NEWS.

A Pretty Wedding in Kennedyville M. P. Church.

A large number of friends assembled at the M. P. Church, on Wednesday evening of last week, to witness the very pretty wedding of Miss Mary H. McKnett, daughter of Mrs. S. A. McKnett, and Mr. Harry S. Redmile, a prosperous young farmer of near the village. The church was very prettily trimmed for the occasion, with evergreens and potted plants. Miss S. Blanche McKnett a sister of the bride, presided at the organ, and as the strains of Mendelssohn's March were being skillfully rendered, the bride and groom entered preceded by the ushers, Messrs. John D. and Samuel H. McKnett, maid of nonor, Miss Annie Shafer, and bestman, Mr. Linwood Redmile. At the chancel they were met by the pastor of the church, Rev. Jesse Shreeve, who performed the impressive ceremony, assisted by Rev. Kent M. Bull of the Presbyterian church. The bride wore a handsome dress of golden brown satin Duchess with vest of white chiffon and pearl-bead trimming, and carried white carnations. Miss Shafer's dress was of steel broadcloth, steel passamenterie trimming, with vest of white liberty silk, and carried pink carnations. Many costly and pretty presents were received. A reception followed the ceremony at the home of the groom near Lynch's and a large number were present.

The Christian Endeavor Society elected the following officers on Thursday evening last: President, John Medders; vice-president, W. E. Sanders; rec. sec., Miss S. B. McKnett; assistant, Miss Bertha Redmile; cor. sec., Miss Annie Shafer, treasurer, Mr. H. C. Jarrell.

Rev. Geo. Nock, State organizer of Sunday school work, will deliver an address at the M. P. Church on Saturday evening, this week, subject: "That Girl of Yours." All invited. A silver offering will be taken at the door.

The members and friends of the M. P. Church gave their pastor a pleasant surprise and donation on Friday evening last. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

Messrs. Shafer & Co paid 95 cents per 100 lbs for milk last month. HUGO.

DEAD ON THE ROAD.

Martin D. Borst, a Patent Medicine Man From New York Dropped Dead in the Road Near Chesterville.

NO SIGN OF FOUL PLAY.

Different sections of Kent were shocked on Monday morning by the reported murder of an unknown man near Chesteryille. Rumors of the most exaggerated characted were given currency, all of which proved totally without foundation. A representative of the TRANSCRIPT was early on the scene and learned the following facts:

Mr. W. S. Dill, a merchant at Chesterville, was in his house between four and four-thirty o'clock on Sunday afternoon, when a strange gentleman rapped at his door and asked if any one had been drinking around there during the day. When told that he knew of no one being drunk, the stranger said: "There is either a drunken man or a dead man up the road there." Mr. Dill went to the place indicated and found a man lying on his face in the public road dead. The body was about twenty yards from the road-gate of Mr. Cornelius Faulkner and about one-half mile from that gentleman's house. Mr. Dill at once notified citizens of the village and Messrs. Edward L. Bratton, Charles E. Cranor, Peter Stevens, Charles Wallace, C. H. B. Spry and Enoch G. King, together with Constable Lockerman without further delay repaired to the spot and turned the dead man over in an effort to identify him. Mr. Faulkner, seeing the crowd near his gate went down and immediately identified the dead man as a man who had only about a half hour before left his house in apparent good health and buoyant spirits. Constable Lockerman then, with the gentlemen present as witnesses, examined the clothing of the dead man for other marks of his identity and took charge of the valuables in the pockets. A certificate was found in the pocket, issued by "The United States Medical Company of New York to Martin D. Borst," as agent. In addition to selling patent medicines he also sold different kinds of flavoring extracts. On his person were found eighteen dollars and fifty-one cents in money, a heavy open face watch, which was running at the time the body was found and indicated ten minutes past five o'clock, two gold rings, one with a stone set and the other a gold design, combs, keys, lead pencils, a small picture of a gentleman and one of a lady, a pair of spectacles, a pocket knife, a pipe, a tooth brush and a pair of plated cuff buttons.

The hands were in the pants pockets and the body lay face downward. Judging from the position, the man was standing with his feet close together and fell forward dead. The toes of his shoes were still in the mud. The dead man's horse and buggy, a suit of new clothes and his medicine outfit were all at Mr. Faulkner's, and that gentleman consented to have the body carried to his house, which was done upon order of Constable Lockerman who had taken every possible precaution to fulfill the demands of the occasion.

Mr. Faulkner, when seen on Monday morning said in substance as follows: "I bought medicine from the man about three years ago. He came to my house here last May, arriving just before night fall, and asked for a night's lodging. I accommodated him and found him well read, intelligent, and scrupulously exact in his conversation and conduct. He again came to my house on Friday evening, having left Easton on Thursday. He spent Thursday night in Centreville and came direct to my house on Friday afternoon. He staid about the house on Saturday and on Sunday assisted the children with their Sunday school lessons. Of an apparently bright and happy disposition, he told a number of jokes during the day. He on several occasions stated that he had a mother, two brothers and two or three sisters in New York State. Just where they were I don't know. He always said his prayers upon retiring and getting up in the morning, and in speaking of himself once stated that he had studied for the ministry. About four o'clock he said that he wanted to drive up to Elkton on Monday morning and though that he would walk down and see how the roads were. It was so near my feeding time that I did not go but my little boy started and soon returned saying that he had gotten cold. It was between half-past four and five o'clock when I noticed the crowd of persons near my gate and went down and identified the dead man as the person who had just left my house. During one of his stops at my home he was accompanied by Frank L. Barkins and a lady whom he called Mollie, both claiming to be from Elkton."

The dead man measured five feet eleven inches, had a heavy red moustache and smooth face, light hair with thin growth near the forehead, would weigh about one hundred and ninety pounds and was well dressed.

Dr. C. W. Whaland, who examined the body, states that in his opinion death resulted from apoplexy.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

County commissioners' court, Tuesday, Jan. 25th, 1898. Full board present, President Todd presiding.

The following accounts were examined and allowed by their respective district commissioner, and ordered to be provided and certified for levy in 1898: Victor Stradley, witness certificate, Oct. term, '97, 88c.; A. W. Staats, Charles F. Beaston, George Kennedy, A. T. Laws and James Davis, for per diem as jurors on inquest on body of John David, $1 each; George L. Bowers, account per diem as clerk at third district polls, $7.50; Bedford Roe, sheriff, board for prisoners and fees in State cases, $164.65; B. N. S. Wilkins, J. P., fees in State cases, $38.20; John W. Wright, J. P., fees in State cases, $5.75; G. W. Dill, constable, fees in State cases, $22.40; J. D. Duyer, constable, fees in State cases, $4.90; Thomas S. Dodd, witness, certified by justice of peace, 66c.; Howard Dodd, for same, 99c.; Allan A. Harris, agent for Mrs. Anna Chapman, January interest on jail bonds overdue, $95.05; Robert G. Nicholson, account for ice for court house, $28.65; same for jail, $28.69.

Eliza Murray, colored, upon recommendation of sundry freeholders, was allowed a pension of $10, to be provided for by levy and certified; Wm. Wesley Lynch, upon recommendation of sundry freeholders, was allowed an increase of pension to $20, and ordered to be provided for by levy and certified.

Permission was granted to have shelves put in clerk's office vault.

On motion, the clerk was directed to communicate with the Queen Anne's county commissioners in regard to time and place for a joint meeting,

Joseph M. Parvis' letter was received, enclosing check for $51.08, one-half of expense for secretary to joint meetings and recording minutes. Alfred O. Jones, constable, petition was received and filed.

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.

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A Place Where Sportsmen Love to Gather and Test their Skill at Crows From the Trap.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Chesterville has become the centre of that newest and most fascinating of sport with the gun, shooting crows as they are thrown from the trap. The crows are caught and placed in a warm house until needed. They are well fed and when taken out are strong and make a vigorous flight and the gunner has to be well up in the art of taking a quick and steady aim to bring down the big black fellows every time. When thrown from the trap the birds in an instant take in the situation and dart off like a flash. William Webb, however, declares the elusive English sparrow to be more difficult to kill than the crow.

At the big crow shoot on Wednesday of last week, Messrs. John E. George, of Sudlersville, and Jerry Godwin, of Crumpton, represented Queen Anne crack shots and found a "foeman worthy of their steel" in John Clendaniel, of Kennedyville. It was a miss and out and three and out shoot. In the first test match, Godwin killed three birds straight and Clendaniel and George tied. Second, Clendaniel scored first, with a tie between George and Godwin. Third, George won with Clendaniel and Godwin a tie. Godwin won the fourth match with Clendaniel second. There were a number of crack shots who participated in the fun.

Our little village was thrown into a state of great excitement on Sunday afternoon by the announcement that a dead man had been found up the road, but as a TRANSCRIPT reporter was soon on the spot, and by-the-way was the *only* newspaper representative present you have the details of the sad affair.

Mr. Thomas Bennett expects to move to Wilmington, and Mr. Samuel Cole, of Townsend, will take the farm which Mr. Bennett vacates.

FAIRLEE ITEMS.

EDITORS TRANSCRIPT:—We will, in a few brief remarks, try to tell you what is going on in and around our vicinity. The evangelistic temperance meeting which was held in our church last Sabbath evening, was very largely attended and very interesting as well as beneficial. Those taking the most active parts in the meeting were Mrs. J. P. Nicholson, Mrs. John W. Corey, Misses Carrie I. Smyth, Sadie Nickerson and Maud Hassen. Arrangements are being made to hold these meetings monthly in the church, which all agree is a very important step.

The Mite Society will hold a mite social this, Friday, evening at the home of Miss Annie Bramble. All are invited to attend and have a good time in general.

Surprise parties have been numerous during the past two weeks and largely attended, and there are many more to follow. Some of those who were given a surprise were Mr. and Mrs C. F. Crow, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Statts, Mr. and Mrs. William Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilpin and Miss Zadie Lee. The latter, however, was pronounced by many as being the most pleasant event of the winter, and notwithstanding the very muddy roads there were about forty-five present.

Our young men are spending a great deal of their time hunting, trapping and fishing, with very little success so far.

Mr. R. A. Smyth, owing to the protracted spell of wet weather, has been confined to the house for some time. He has the wishes of his many friends for a speedy recovery from his illness.

Capt. Ben Nicholson is still very sick.

Mr. Jack Calder has also been very, very sick, but is improving.

Mr. Charles Shuster, of Dover, Del., is visiting friends and relatives in our vicinity.

Miss Minnie Hudson is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. J. C. Statts is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. D. Davis, of Sassafras, a sister and brother-in-law of Mr. J. C. Statts, were the guests of Mr. Statts last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nicholson gave a big dinner to quite a number of friends and relatives last Friday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Romie Skirven.

Fairlee Council, J. O. U. A. M., still continues to grow. We are taking in members two at a time, and we think we have some of the best material the county can afford.

Contractor A.M. Kendall still has quite a lot of work to do this winter. He has been kept back a great deal on account of the inclement weather.

Fairlee creamery paid 90c. for milk for the month of December. EAST END.

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