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LOCAL MATTERS.

Crecent Club Readings.—A number of the Crescent Social Club have commenced a series of readings of a most delightful character. In His Steps, by Sheldon Equality, by Bellamy, and other equally instructive and readable works will be taken up. It is proposed to set aside certain evenings for a discussion of the works read by the members.

An Epidemic of Thievery.—An epidemic of petty thieving has prevailed in Chestertown and vicinity during the past ten days. Thieves raided the chicken house of Mr. B. F. Fleming and stole eight chickens, on the following night the poultry house of Mr. W. S. Walker was visited and chickens were taken. On Sunday night Mr. Charles Estes lost a number of chickens and on the same night the hennery of Mr. Wesley Harris was visited.

Calf Dressed in Three Minutes.—A number of calves were being shipped from Lambson's station last week when one of them slipped and broke its leg. To relieve it of its suffering and render it marketable, the stock dealer took out his knife, cut the animals throat and had it dressed and ready to be placed in the car for shipment in three minutes. Those who witnessed the performance declare it to have been the quickest dressing of stock they ever saw and consider it a record-breaker.

Shot at Blue Rocks.—An interestingly contested shooting match at "Blue Rocks" occurred at Betterton on Thursday. John Brice, one of Betterton's numerous crack shots, won the first match and tied for first place in another. Joseph Norris won second, A. Toulson fifth and tie, and Fred Schofield fourth. The participants were: Messrs. George Stevens and Romie Rambo, of Worton; Robbie and Andrew Toulson, Joseph Norris and Robert Rash, Lynch's; Fred Schofield, Still Pond, and John Brice, of Betterton.

Known in Chestertown.—Lieutenant John J. Blanden, who was on the ill-fated battle ship Maine when she was blown up in the harbor of Havana, is a personal friend of Lewin W. Wickes, Esq., having been a classmate at the Hopkins University. Mr. Wickes, in speaking of the disaster, said several days ago that a special Providence seems to protect his friend. His escape on the Maine recalled the fact that he was also on the American warship Trenton when she with a number of other battleships and other vessels went down in the great Samoan disaster.

Another Creamery.—The Lankford Creamery Company has been organized with a capital stock of one thousand dollars at ten dollars a share. The officers are: Victor Hendrickson president, Thomas W. Trew treasurer, Richard Groves, secretary; directors, A. P. Emerson, W. B. Strong, C. M. Brown, W. F. Brice and officers; Mr. William Reed, of Worton is attending to the equipment of the plant. A full creamery outfit will be put in and the plant will be one of the most up-to-date in the county. It is in a splendid grazing section and the enterprise will doubtless be a success.

To be Raised This Week.—The steamer Ericsson, which was blown over and sunk by the terrific gale on Wednesday of last week half a mile above Wilmington Creek, in the Delaware river, will be raised this week. The cargo of three hundred barrels of oysters was removed from the boat on Friday and shipped to the Philadelphia market. Much of the more valuable fittings of the vessel was removed at the same time. The Ericsson stopped at Bettertown on her trip up and several passengers from Kent expected to take the steamer for Philadelphia, but so far as known none dared brave the storm.

Two "Notable Guests."—Milford has two notable guests, who are visiting relatives. They are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis, of Still Pond, Md. Mr. Davis is 97 years of age, and with the exception of being blind, has all of his faculties and moves about like a much younger man. He is remarkably well preserved for his age. Mrs. Davis, who is 87 years of age, is also in fairly good health.—*Milford Cor. Every Evening.* Mr. Davis is not blind as stated. Although his eye sight is still defective, yet he is still able to go about unattended, and is frequently seen on our streets alone.—*Middletown New Era.*

Of Interest to Local Mariners.—In the last "Notice to Mariners," sent out by the department at Washington, the following notices of peculiar interest to local watermen are found: Baltimore harbor entrance, cutoff channel, wreck buoy established; Baltimore harbor entrance, cutoff channel, wreck buoy discontinued; Chesapeake bay, off Patapsco river entrance, shoal spots located; Chesapeake Bay, Baltimore harbor, new buoy; Patapsco River, buoy established; Chesapeake Bay, off Sassafras River, new buoy and wreck; Chester River, Queenstown Creek, buoys discontinued, new beacon lights; Chester River, Queenstown Creek, dredged channel indicated.

Sale of Valuable Stock.—One of the largest offerings of valuable personal property for many months, is that of John H. and Howard Clendaniel, administrators of the late Mrs. Mary E. Clendaniel, deceased. Among the fourteen horses to be sold are some of the finest drivers on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, young, spirited and well-bred. All are fine workers. But a matter of equal importance to the community at large will be the almost unequaled opportunity to select from a herd of thirty-three fine high-grade Holstein cattle. No dairyman or stock raiser for profit can afford to miss this rare chance. Thirty-two fine brood sows and shoats will also be offered, in addition to a large assortment of farming implements, and four carriages. Details in the sale in another column. The property will be offered for sale on Wednesday, March second, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M. on the farm where the late Mrs. Clendaniel resided, near Kennedyville.

The San Jose Scale.—Prof. W. G. Johnson, in referring to the published absurdity in which it is stated by Prof. Scott, a scientist who acknowledges that he has never seen the insect for which he calmly sets forth a remedy, and has never studied the situation, says: "The young of the San Jose scale is so microscopically small when it is first born—for they are born alive, and not produced from eggs as are most other insects—that it is scarcely visible to the naked eye. They are only nine-one-thousandths of an inch in length, and it is preposterous to assume that a bird could pick up one of them with the view of utilizing it for food. Falsely assuming that a bird could pick up one of these young scale insects, it would be obliged to pick up one every second, working ten hours per day, for eight and one-half days to get a morsel the size of a grub worm." Mr. Scott claims that birds are the sovereign remedy for the trouble which confronts the Maryland fruit growers.

The Electric Light Plant.—The building, foundations and all preliminary work preparatory for the new electric light plant are completed, and Mr. Wright stated yesterday that the order for the dynamo, engine, boiler and all necessary machinery has been placed. It is expected, he stated, that the machinery will be ready for shipment in about three weeks and the work of putting it in place will be forced to completion. Messrs. Wright and Tracy are now ready to furnish estimates for wiring and lighting, and solicit inquiries relative to details.

Bagged Five Wild Geese.—Capt. W. C. A. Thompson, retains the champion-belt as a Chestertown goose-shot and holds a record for five fine birds this season. Messrs. Thompson, Ray Bowers, and William Duyer succeeded in bagging five geese in the field of Mr. John E. Morris, near old Hynson's chapel, on Monday morning. The gentlemen used four tamed wild geese as decoys and enjoyed some fine sport. Capt. Thompson killed two geese, Mr. Bowers brought down one with each barrel and Mr. Duyer bagged a fine bird. This is the most successful excursion after the big birds reported this season. Mr. Bowers and Mr. Duyer each killed another goose on Tuesday morning.

His Third Diploma.—Undertaker John N. Dodd returned on Saturday from Baltimore, having completed a special course at the Champion College of Embalming. The Chestertown undertaker was honored by being called upon to use the knife in the dissecting operations, and in otherwise assisting the professor in charge. He brought home with him a diploma of graduation, making the third one he has received for work in his profession. Some of the departments studied in his recent course were: Arterial, cavity and special embalming, general and morbid anatomy, physiology of the absorbent and circulating systems, bacteriology, sanitation, etc.

A Novel Bet.—A novel bet was made and won in Chestertown on Saturday night. The Beau Brummel of Chestertown widowerdom, bet a pound of caramel with a young lady that he could wear her shoe. The young lady was to remove her shoe in his presence so that no ruse could be played. While Mr. Brummel was arraying his "test foot" in the thinnest stocking he could find, the young lady had borrowed a shoe just large enough to admit his toes, from a neighbor. The shoe trick was not discovered by the unsuspecting victim, and try as he might, he could not force his foot in the shoe. After the bet had been paid and the caromel had disappeared the joke was disclosed.

A Narrow Escape.—Mr. Charles L. Kruzen, who has been buying cattle in the upper section of the county, made a narrow escape last week from an infuriated steer. Mr. Kruzen had bought a number of cattle from below Galena, among the number being a vicious steer. Before reaching Galena the animal became unruly and put all of his drivers to flight. Mr. Kruzen made an effort to stop him and was attacked in a manner which for a time threatened to be of a most serious nature. The unfortunate man was tossed high in the air and fell on the back of the animal. Before he could recover himself and make a place of safety the animal again caught him on his horns and threw him into a bunch of green briars. The buyer was badly scratched and looked the worse for the unexpected set-to.

A Book Club.—A number of ladies and gentlemen of Chestertown have organized what is termed a Book Club. Each member will pay a membership fee which shall form a fund for the purchase of the latest works of standard authors. The fund shall be replenished by regular dues. By a regular system, the books, (two in number) immediately after being read by the member having taken them out shall be passed to another member of the club. The fund is to be kept up by the payment of dues and the newest works are to be purchased and put in circulation as soon as they are issued from the publishers. The membership of the club is limited to twenty. By mutual consent of the members Mrs. Helen Kent Shaw will be president of the new literary organization.

Fatal Sheep Desease.—The large herd of sheep of Examiner W. G. Smyth, has been almost destroyed by an unknown but fatal disease. Mr. Smyth last fall bought a flock of one hundred and forty ewes from Baltimore. Shortly after bringing them to the Corey farm, near Melitota, the trouble broke out. The first smyptom was a white spot in the centre of the eye, a film then formed over the entire eye, purging followed, and the animal soon became so weak as not to be able to stand, and death soon followed. The State Agricultural College authorities were communicated with, but the corre pondence was handed over to State Veterinarian Clements, who failed to respond. A Pennsylvania veterinarian sent on a prescription, stating that the trouble was what is known as Catarrhal Fever, a highly contagious and infectous disease. No relief was given and the sheep have continued to die until less than half of Mr. Smyth's original flock remains. The sheep of Mr. Purnell Jump, a neighbor, jumped into Mr. Smyth's pasture field and eight of Mr. Jump's sheep have developed the disease and are in quarantine.

A Big Hunt.—A big fox hunt took place on Tuesday and was peculiarly appropriate from the fact that in a recently published article in the TRANSCRIPT it was shown that General Washington was a patron of the chase. A large number of huntsmen and many of the finest packs of dogs in the county met at Mr. Thomas Ellis' at about 9 o'clock, and shortly thereafter a fox was started on the Rhinehart place, and one of the greatest runs of the season commenced. Five ladies joined the chase during the morning. The fox when started went straight away back of Mr. J. Harper Gale's, made a circuit around through the "swamp" back to Mr. Ellis', then back to the bay shore, through Rock Hall up to Edesville passing through the yards of homes in the village, then down to Eagles Point, where he was caught about 1.30 o'clock. Mr. B. H. Coburn secured the brush. From start to finish the run was one of unusual interest. Some of the dogs, unable to keep up the tremendous pace were thrown out. Among those who followed the hounds were: John K. and William R. Aldridge, William Howard, Samuel Maslin, Murray Smyth, Harry Rash, William Edwards, Bartus Hendrix, James Coleman, Robert Wickes, David B. Kendall, Louis Ayres, Willam E. DeFord, T. W. Trew, W. B. Strong, George and John Brice, Bartus Hatcherson, Charles and James Brown, Walter Gale, Conlyn Beauchamp, Page Strong, Lonney Stevens. Another big hunt took place yesterday.

KENNEDYVILLE NEWS.

The Christian Endeavor Society held an enjoyable meeting on Tuesday evening in the form a "Washington Hatchet Social." An interesting literary programme, appropriate to the occasion, was presented, after which an abundance of pie, cake, cream and coffee were served.

Special services will be held in the M. P. Church on Sunday next. Preaching at 10.45 A. M. and 7 P. M. Revival services will be held every evening during the week, commencing at 7.30. All cordially invited.

Miss Nellie Barwick spent a few days at home during the holiday.

Messrs. Shafer & Davies paid 77 cents for milk last month. HUGO.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† It is stated that Capt. Charles R. Kerr, of Rock Hall, has accepted the captaincy of a handsome sea-going yacht, at an increased salary. Capt. Kerr was one of the bravest commanders ever in the Maryland oyster navy, but for several years past has been in command of a pleasure yacht.

† D. T. Zearfoss, the finest catcher who ever appeared behind the bat on the Washington college diamond, but who has been signed with the New York club for two years, is expected in town this o next week for practice work and will coach the college players.

† Colonel William J. Vannort will have two young horses on local tracks during the coming season which will be a surprise to many of the old patrons of the turf.

† Romulus, the valuable young trotter belonging to Sheriff Bedford Roe has been dangerously ill for a week past, but is improving at this writing.

† Members of the W. C. T. U. headed by Mrs. M. A. Brown visited and held meetings with the prisoners in the jail last week.

† Hope H. Barroll, Esq., has purchased of Mr. James B. Sappington, two small houses on Calvert street for $175.

† The regular Saturday trips of the steamer from Tolchester to Baltimore and return, will commence on Saturday, March, 5th. A large number availed themselves of the second mid-winter trip on Saturday last.

† Fairlee W. C. T. U. will hold their regular monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. Staats on Saturday next, Feb. 26, at two o'clock.

† Dr. E. G. Emerson, dentist, has located in Chestertown and has prettily furnished dental parlors in the Rockwell building (or Simpers building.) Dr Emerson was for four years demonstrator in the Dental College in Baltimore and was four years in Brazil. The doctor represents the Brazilians as a generous, warm-hearted people, but says that there was too much war-talk there for comfort so he preferred the United States.

† The old commission firm of Todd, Calloway and Roeder, has been dissolved and is succeeded by George W. Roeder & Co. with headquarters at S. E. Cor. Camden and Charles Sts. Mr. Roeder is a son of Mr. Frank Roeder, this county, and has many relatives and warm friends here.

† The Queenstown *News*, always ready to bestow honor where honor is due, says: "The officers of the B.S.Ford of the Queen Anne's Railroad, should be complimented for their untiring efforts to accommodate the public with regular steamboat service in spite of the ice she had to contend with. She missed but one trip and that was due to disabled machinery. She cracked ice on some trips that was between three and four inches thick."

† The peach prophet is abroad in the land but as yet the Kent county peach buds are as sound as a silver dollar and as eloquent in hope as is William Jennings Bryan.

† Mr. Samuel Merritt, with a loyalty worthy the man and the locality which he champions, declares that the first fox hunt in America did not take place in Queen Anne county but in Quaker Neck, in Kent. He was not present on the occasion, however.

† "Thank you, Mr. Harry Newnam," is the emphatic way in which a Queen Anne writer thanks the ex-county commissioner for the great improvement which was made through Mr. Newnam's instrumentality to the sandy road at the Queen Anne approach to Chester bridge.

† Contractor Walter K. Pippin has completed the extensive improvements to the Eliason property, corner of High and Queen streets. Handsome show windows have been put in, shelving arranged, and the remodeled store is now ready for its new occupants, two ladies from Philadelphia, who will put in a large line of goods and open a fashionuble millinery.

† The Thompson Band, an aggregation of young musicians under the leadership of Capt. Joseph W. Thompson, delighted many by their concerts on Tuesday. Patriotic airs were discoursed in honor of the day, and Capt. Thompson, the playright, author and actor, was evidently in his element. Musical instruments made of reed were the instruments used. In the band were: David B. Ford, James Shuster, Thomas Massey, James G. Beck, Lenox Catlin, W. C. Hurlock, Harry Taylor and T. W. Perkins.

† April the twenty-first is the date set for the great base-ball game between the Washington College team and the Harvard University nine.

† The eighth grade of the Chestertown Public School will read their quarterly paper, The Echo, to-morrow afternoon. A feature of the occasion will be a declamation contest for a prize offered by the members of the eighth grade. All friends are invited.

† Dredging at Rock Hall is expected to recommence in a few days.

† Mr. George V. Byron caught the first herring of the season in the upper Chester yesterday afternoon, and sold them at the rate of sixty cents a dozen.

† Apropos of the determined warfare upon the vast hordes of insect enemies of the fruit interests of the State, Mr. H. L. Boyd yesterday received a stock of Excelsior spraying machines. Mr. Boyd claims that it is one of the most complete and effective instruments ever placed on the market.

† The freight house on Shallcross' wharf was broken into on Februrry 20th and a portion of the contents of a barrel marked "ambrosia" stolen. William Deaver and Harry Latham were lodged in jail on Tuesday charged with the robbery.

FROM CLIFF CITY.

The Fish Law Discussed—Sudden Death of Horses.

After the recent closing up of the oystermen's meat-house and a rest of a week, the tongers have again gotten to work, and have had several fine days for catching the luscious animals, and too, there has been no time lost that was fit to work.

I note your Rock Hall correspondent advocates a small mesh gill net. Some of our old fishermen claim that the 2¾ inch mesh is what cleaned the fish up from this river. I know this, that there was more fish caught in that size mesh that did not pay frieght and expenses than those which did. Some times in mid-winter the deep-water fishermen would strike a bunch of perch of that size and get a good price for them, but seldom for more than two or three days then other fish would crowd them out. And moreover, the communication with the southern part of the bay was not so good and not so many fish were shipped from warmer climes, as is the case now. Those small fish in another year would be large enough to bring a fair price at any time.

We learn that Mr. Thos. Black, tenant on Mr. John Jerome's place, near Pomona, had three horses die mysteriously. Mr. Black fearing some fatal disease had Dr. Jarman out to examine them, and he pronounced it a case of poison. Some are under the impression that the horses got a lot of frozen turnips and died of the colic. This, though hard on Thomas, would be much better than the poisoning.

The last cold snap stopped all talk of going to the Klondike regions—40 degrees colder than what we have. No, I thank you. X.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Dances and Other Social Pleasures of Mid-winter.

The Young Men's Social Club, of Galena, gave a most delightful dance in the town hall, Wednesday evening, Feb. 16th. Committee, W. A. Hyland, Jr., Joseph Catlin, Unit R. Horsey, Andrew W. Wilson, E. Thos. Massey, Clifton Hurtt and John M. Rowan; patronesses, Mrs. J. W. Latimer, Mrs. Woodland Hurtt, Mrs. J. Thomas Pennington, Mrs. M. E. Horsey, Mrs. D. J. McCauley and Mrs. J. P. Cockran. Those present were:

From Chestertown—Sam and Turbert Greenwood, E. T. Massey, Ambrose Carroll, Arthur Bradley, Joe Brice, Will Bell; Still Pond, Misses Josie and Sallie Jones, Ida Crowding, Messrs. John and Howard Parrott, John and Ernest Schofield, Henry Davis, Eddie Pennington, William Crow; Galena, Mr. J. W. Latimer, Misses Nettie Long, Cecelia James and Daisy McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. Woodland Hurtt; Misses Katie and Addie Woodall, and Messrs. Wm. Hyland, Jr., Richard and Haywood Wallis, Unit Horsey, Robt. Cochran, Ed. Hurtt, Wilson Cockran, Joe Catlin, A. W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jervis; Chesterville, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jarman, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Comegys; Masseys, Misses Agness and May Roe, Miss Cooper, Miss Murray, Messrs. John Rowan, Sam Hurlock; Millington, R. W. Comegys and wife, Misses Rose and Eva Comegys, Mary Hazell, Evelin Cochran, Messrs. Paul Comegys, Harry Hendrickson; Church Hill, Messrs. Brierley and Evans; Sudlersville, Ed Gillespie; Cecil, A. Wilson and wife, Misses Blanche and Elsie Bond, Arthur Foard; Chesapeake, Mr. Paxton; Middletown, Misses Mabel, Agnes and Annie Cochran, Messrs. John Rothwell, 'Eben Clark, Douglas and James Cochran, Lou Naudain.

A number of gentlemen gave their lady friends a delightful dance in Stam's Hall on Tuesday evening. Iula, the harpist, and a violinist from Baltimore, discoursed ideal music for the dance. The floor committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Hydie Thompson, John C. Cannan, John R. Rollison, John J. Roland, E. C. Boston and E. H. Roland, spared no effort to add to the pleasure of their guests. The festivities of the evening continued uninterruptedly until midnight when luncheon was partaken of, after which the delights of the dance were resumed.

Those present were: Misses Florence Joiner, Florence Green, Lillie Crow, May Crow, Ollie Hill, Hettie Greenwood, Alice Mansfield, Blanche Sutton; Pearl Coleman, Mary Jewell, Lillian Jewell, Maud Bramble, Maude Thompson, Carrie Ford, Carrie and Gertrude Sappington; Mr. Frank Toulson and wife, Mr. George Roland and wife, Mrs. Wm. Green, Mr. Horace Reed and wife, Miss Elma Rasin, Messrs. Fred Russell, Harry Fallowfield, Harry Barnett, Phil. Miller, Hydie Thompson, John Rollison, Eugene Lucas, Enoch Roland, John G. Roland, Ellie Baker, Samuel Crouch, Webster McIntyre, Nelson Crouch, Harry and Lemont Thompson, James Boston.

A pleasant surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kendall, on Thursday evening of last week, at their home near Chester bridge, in honor of their guests, Misses Belle Woodall and Lillie Legg. The visit of their friends was a delightful surprise. The evening was spent in playing games, etc. Refreshments were served in abundance and at twelve o'clock the visitors departed for their homes, all declaring they had had a most pleasant time. Among those present were: Misses Belle Woodall, Lillie Legg, Lizzie Snitcher, Delma Stewart, Katie Wallis, Nettie Mallalieu, Bessie Stevens, Ethel Ryland, Maggie Walls and Annie Jester. Messrs. Chas. and James Jester, Fred Stevens, Harry Golt, Howard Eddingfield, Harry and Norman Jefferson, Warner Mallalieu, Herbie Bowers, Thos. Kendall and others.

A number of the young men of Chestertown gave their lady friends a pleasant impromptu dance in Stam's Hall on Monday evening.

A pleasant progressive euchre party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Greenwood. Refreshments were served and the occasion was enjoyable throughout. Mr. John S. Owens won first prize, Miss Susie Crew second and Mr. Alfred Greenwood the booby prize. Among those present were: Mrs. Alfred Greenwood, Mrs. Harvey Brice, the Misses Susie Crew, Katie Goodhand, Lillie Trott and Katie Crew; Messrs. Eben Crew, N. J. Trott, A. Greenwood, John S. Owens, Walter Crew and George Crew.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bergen have returned from Baltimore and Philadelphia, where they attended the formal openings of some of the largest and most widely known millinery establishments in this country. Mrs. Bergen will open her millinery department with one of the finest lines of goods ever seen in the county. Mr. Bergen was not unmindful of his department during the trip.

Mr. S. Chester Coursey, a student of Washington College, left last week to assume the junior editorship of the Centreville *Record* to succeed Mr. J. B. Brown, Jr. Mr. Coursey has had some experience in newspaper work and will doubtless make a success in his new field of labor.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Morris entertained a number of friends at dinner on Friday evening.

Mrs. Gundry, of Catonsville has been visiting at the home of her brother, Dr. W. Frank Hines.

Miss Grace Greenwood has accepted a desirable position with Armstrong & Cator, Baltimore.

Miss Julia Burgess, of Edesville, is visiting Miss Hettie Greenwood, Cannon street.

Prof. T. D. Bowers, of St. Michaels, spent Sunday the guest of Chestertown friends.

Miss Maud Stewart, of Baltimore, and Mr. Hubert Wilson, of Howard county, have been visiting at the home of Mr. Victor Hendrickson, near town.

Miss Eney, of Baltimore, has been visiting Miss Ada Skirven, near town.

Miss Annie E. Brownley, of Baltimore, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. R. Pippin, on Market Space.

Court News.

County Commissioners Court, Feb. 23 '98. Full board present.

The following accounts were examined and allowed and ordered to be provided for by leavy in '98 and certified: John J. Lockwood and James A. Spry, per diem as jurors on body of M. D. Borst, $1. each; B. M. Hazell, for material and repairs for Millington bridge, $27.14; George W. Dill, constable, fees in State cases, $8.65; M. A. Toulson, for stationery, etc., furnished public offices and drugs for prisoners $22.87; Westcott & Dodd, for prisoners in jail $40.62; John W. Wright, justice of Peace, fees in State cases, $4.55.

Following accounts were examined and allowed and ordered to be paid: Collins & Hopper, for record for proceedings for board, $7.20; E. T. Willis, for cleaning office clock, 75c; Commissioner Hatcherson reported in writing for sale of old cupboard out of clerk's office, $3. They certified the condition of Minnie T. Hicks to the Maryland school for the blind. Messrs. Henry Parr and P. G. Wilmer, examiners, presented their report of new road across the Drayton farms and public landing on Still Pond creek, which was laid over until next meeting, as required by law. Ordered that proposals be advertised for to build iron bridge across Still Pond creek causeway.

OBITUARY.

EDWIN LESTER COVINGTON.

The death of Edwin Lester Covington was briefly announced in last week's issue of the TRANSCRIPT. Mr. Covington was well known and had many friends in Kent who will be pleased to read the following interesting sketch from the Middletown *Transcript:*

"The many friends of Mr. E. L. Covington, made in Middletown during visits to his sisters, Mrs. J. Cowgill Alston and Mrs. W. E. Barnard, will hear with extreme sorrow of his death at the residence of his uncle, Mr. James H. Covington, at Arringdale, Va., on Tuesday, February 15th, where he had gone from here about the first of December hoping to regain his health. Mr. Covington was the son of Mr. George W. Covington, of Still Pond, Md., and a brother of Mrs. Alston and Mrs. Barnard, of Middletown, whom he frequently visited, and with whom he spent the past summer, being in poor health. During his visits here he made many warm friends. Although retiring in his disposition he was an agreeable companion, contributing his part in conversation quietly and invariably with that manner of a polished gentlemen after the old-school style, so delightful, yet so seldom met. Mr. Covington was 38 years old, and about eleven years ago he went to New York City where he was in business with J. Wall & Son. He applied himself closely to business, too closely, and last spring was compelled to take a vacation. He spent the summer here, consulted eminent physicians and in the early winter went south hoping for a change for the better. Two weeks ago Mrs. Alston went to his bedside and remained with him to the end. His trouble was tuburcuiosis which settled in his limbs and principally his hip. He had also malarial fever which continued for months.

"Besides the relatives named Mr. J. Carlton Covington, of Philadelphia, is a brother and Miss Helen M. Covington, of still Pond, who is well known here, is a sister. The remains were accompanied to his old home at Still Pond on Thursday where among kindred they were laid to rest; Rev. I. L. Wood, of Middletown, and Rev. E. H. Nelson, of Still Pond, officiated. The friends have the sympathy of the community that a life so promising, so young has been so early cut off."

DR. JOHN A. ROCHE.

Rev. John A. Roche died at the home of his son, the Rev. Olin S. Roche, on Tuesday, in the 85th year of his age. He was the son of John and Sarah Roche, and was born on the farm known as "Campbellsworthmore," near Still Pond. His father kept store in Still Pond and taught school in Chesterville five years. In his early youth he went to school for a short time to Mr. G. B. Westcott, and was always proud to call himself a son of Kent.

Upon the death of his father he went to Smyrna and clerked in the store of Lamdin & DuHammel, but ill-health compelled him to leave the store. He then apprenticed himself to Benson & Catts to learn carriage trimming. During the great revival of 1829 in the town he was converted, and at nineteen years of age bought out his time and commenced preaching. He was pastor in Smyrna in 1849–50; was then sent to Wilmington; from there to Philadelphia, and then transferred to New York East Conference. During his sixty years ministry he filled many of the finest appointments in both conferences.

Several years ago he was appointed by the conference to write the life of Dr. Durbin; he also wrote the life of Mrs. Paimer. This book is just from the press.

Funeral services were held Friday evening in St. Peter's Church, Dean Hoffman, Dr. Seabury, Rev. Mr. Griffin and Rev. Mr. Gillondet officiating. Saturday morning the remains were taken to St. Paul's M. E. Church, 89th street, Bishop Newman, Dr. Poulson, Dr. Kellar and others taking part in the services. He was interred in Woodland cemetery on Saturday afternoon. Three children survive him, the Rev. Spencer S. Roche, rector of St. Mark's, Brooklyn; the Rev. Olin S. Roche, rector of St. Peter's New York City, and Miss Sallie.

Dr. Roche visited Chestertown during the M. E. Conference last year, went to the place of his birth and renewed those of his old friends who remained in the county. He afterward wrote a most interesting letter to the TRANSCRIPT, which was with pleasure published.

WILLIAM MASSEY.

Mr. William Massey, a well-known citizen of Queen Anne county, and brother of Mr. Josiah Massey, of Kent, died of Bright's disease, on Friday night, aged fifty-three years. The interment was in Chester cemetery. Mr. Massey frequently visited Kent and had many friends in the county.

IN CHURCH CIRCLES.

Dr. Grice's Return Asked for—Bishop Becker's Cathedral and Parochial Residence Burned.

At the quarterly conference of Chestertown Methodist Episcopal Church, held on Monday, Presiding Elder Corkran presiding, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, Dr. C. A. Grise has greatly quickened and strengthened the membership of this church and has endeared himself to the hearts of this people by his faithful, earnest and conscientious efforts in behalf of the Master's cause, Therefore be it

Resolved, that it is the unanimous wish and desire of this quarterly conference that he be returned to this charge the coming year to labor with us for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in our midst; and that Dr. Corkran be and is hereby requested to use his best efforts to secure this result.

The splendid recognition of the invaluable services rendered by Dr. Grise, is no less an honor to the congregation of his church than to Dr. Grise himself.

The Savannah Cathedral, and the parochial residence of Bishop Becker, were destroyed last week entailing a loss of $250,000. Bishop Becker was the original Bishop of this diocese and has a vast number of warm personal friends here who will hear with profound regret of the loss of his home and church. He was the predecessor of Bishop Curtis and left the diocese about 1885. The fire is suspected of having been of incendiary origin.

Presiding Elder Corkran preached a fine sermon in the Chestertown M. E. Church on Monday from the text: "Submit yourself unto Him."

Rev. J. Frank Bryan, pastor of Bethany M. P. Church, Baltimore, occupied the pulpit of Rev. J. M. Gill in Christ M. P. Church, on Sunday morning.

The Carnival of Nations, despite the miserable weather, was a delightful success. The entertainments were charming and the supper on Saturday evening was a feast of the season's delicacies splendidly prepared. Over $200 was realized by Christ M. P. Church as a result.

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Frederickstown, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time until he would have to give up. He had been treated by some of the best physicians in Europe and America but got no permanent relief. One day he picked up a newspaper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him. For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

HERE AND THERE IN WORTON.

A Chicken Thief Surprised by Mr. B. F. Rash—Personal Matters of Interest.

We notice in the issue of the *News* two weeks past, the correspondent speaks of a change of minister at Union M. E. Church, near this villiage, and also speaks of asking for a young minister. We think the correspondent is in error as there is not a dissenting voice to the Rev. J. B. Merritt, the pastor in charge. Bro. Merritt will most undoubtedly be asked to return to Union as he is much beloved at this place.

Worton creamery paid 77c for January milk.

Mr. Chas. Crowding, son of Mr. J. B. crowding, has rented the H. E. Cooper farm. May the young farmer be successful in his venture.

We notice the strawboard wagons pass quite frequently, especially when the mud is axle deep. Can we expect anything else but *ditches* in the middle of our county roads?

Mrs. S. M. Turner is visiting her son, Mr. A. S. Turner, of this place.

Miss Maud Parsons, of near Edesville, and Miss Millie Porter, of near Worton Manor Beach, are the guests of Miss Minnie Copper.

The Y. met at Mr. B. F. Rash's, (Worrel farm) Friday evening. We learn, owing, to the inclemency of the weather, there was not as large an attendance as usual.

We understand Messrs. Ivens & Carr are to contract this season for 160 to 200 acres of tomatoes at $6.00 per ton, for their canning factory at this place.

PICK UPS.

Miss Cora Jewell, of Still Pond, has been visiting her cousin, the Misses Laura and Florence Jewell, of Worton.

Miss May Jones, of Kennedyville, has been the guest of Misses Nan and Delma Carter.

Miss Millie Portor, of Worton Point, is the guest of Miss Minnie Copper.

Miss Maude and Addie Parsons, of Edesville, have been visiting friends in this village.

Miss Bramble has been the guest of Mrs. Grace Gilpin.

Misses Jessie Cooper, Katie Parsons and Annie Cooper, all prominent school teachers in Kent county, spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday at their respective homes in and around Worton.

Mr. Howard Turner, of Kennedyville, is the guest of his brother, Mr. Albert Turner, of Worton.

One of Mr. H. E. Cooper's packing houses caught fire Monday about noon. The building contained about 250 bushels of wheat, but the fire was extinguished before much damage was done. It is thought that a spark of fire from Mr. Johnson's saw mill fell upon the roof thereby causing the fire.

Miss Lou Jewell, of Baltimore, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Jewell, of Worton.

Mr. Jos. Jones, of near Rising Sun, Cecil county, has been visiting friends in Worton.

Mrs. U. Johnson and children, of Delaware, and Mrs. W. Stroud, are guests of Mrs. Noble Gears.

Miss Lizzie Morris, of Still Pond, has been visiting Miss Blanche Duyer, of Worton.

A lunch party was held at the residence of Mr. Wm. E. Beck on Monday evening. A large crowd was present and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

Miss Florence Jewell paid a flying trip to Baltimore the first of the week.

Constable A. O. Jones removed his family to Hanesville Friday.

A cottage meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. Moore on Wednesday evening.

Thieves broke into the hennery of Mr. B. F. Rash on Wednesday night and took sixteen chickens and two ducks. Mr. Rash, thinking that the thief or thieves would visit them again, kept a close watch, and on Sunday night about ten o'clock a noise was heard near the hennery. Nothing was done until the thief had obtained all the fowls he could carry, and when about twenty feet from the thief, Mr. Rash fired. The rogue screamed and fell to the ground, but before Mr. Rash could reach him, he had disappeared in the darkness, carrying with him a load of shot.

Miss Agnes Cooper, daughter of Mr. H. E. Cooper, and the popular organist at the Presbyterian Church, was married Tuesday evening, Feb. 8, to Mr. Charles Crowding, by the Rev. Jesse Shreeve, of Kennedyville. Mr. Crowding is farming on the Cooper Home Farm. That they may have a long, happy and prosperous life, is the wish of MADGE.

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