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LOCAL MATTERS.

Real Estate Sales.—C. T. Westcott, Esq., has sold the double frame dwelling on Cannon street, to Mr. W. C. Sutton. The price is stated as $1,500. The property is now occupied by the purchaser. Messrs. H. E. and S. F. Cooper have sold their property of 113 acres, known as the "Gale Farm," to Mr. Jacob B. Crowding for $4,000.

Captain James H. Thompson's Loss.—The office at Burchinal's wharf, in which Capt. James H. Thompson spends most of his time narrowly escaped being destroyed by fire on Thursday. Mr. Albert Palmer states that he found the interior of the building on fire at about 8 o'clock, supposed to have been ignited by a lamp. Capt. Thompson lost two beds, bed clothing, an overcoat, wearing apparel and other articles, in short nearly everything in the room was destroyed.

Ex-Governor Cochran Dead.—Sheriff Bedford Roe on Tuesday morning received a telegram announcing the death of Ex-Governor John P. Cochran, of Delaware. Four of the sixteen fine farms owned by the ex-governor of Delaware are located in Kent, the 400-acre farm upon which Sheriff Roe lives being one of the finest. The deceased frequently came to this county to inspect his property and was well known by many citizens of Kent. Messrs. William T. Jones and Howard Clendaniel live on two of the other farms, and one is carried on by Mr. John H. Clendaniel.

Shooting Matches—A number of gunners enjoyed an old-time Christmas clay-pigeon shooting match, in Chestertown on Monday afternoon. The winners of the four turkeys offered as prizes were: William Duyer, F. Schofield, Dr. G. A. Jarman and Dr. Harry G. Simpers. Others participating were: Messrs. Samuel Hicks, Frank E. Duyer, Curtis E. Crane, Wm. H. McFeely, Ray Bowers, Thos. R. Reiche, Wm. Malin, Charles Greenly, A. Rawley and Harry Cannan. At a match held at Worton on Saturday the winners were: Messrs. Andrew Toulson, (2) Harry Nicols and Charles Boyles.

Game Season Closed.—The game season closed on Saturday last, and it is now, not only a violation of the game law to kill partridges, rabbits or prohibited game, but the person having such game in possession renders himself liable to arrest. The game season just closed was somewhat of a disappointment to gunners. A prominent gunner said several days ago that he believed the supply of stock game left for next year will be great as a result of the fact that the birds had escaped. The experiments with birds from China and other foreign countries, tried in Talbot, are reported as having been unsuccessful, because of the climate not suiting them.

Out Witted the Commissioner.—The young men and boys of Chestertown are enjoying a joke at the expense of Town Commissioner C. L. Dood. The boys had mapped out a royal old time celebration of Christmas, for Monday night. Mr. Dodd, not wanting to resort to the harsher methods of the law, conceived the plan of completely cornering the fire-works market by purchase, and accordingly bought up the local supply of cannon-crackers, skyrockets etc. Unfortunately for the commissioner's plans the boys got wind of the matter and in a jiffy despatched purchasers to Centreville, Rock Hall, Worton Station and Still Pond. Not satisfied with fireworks proper, in addition to exhausting the supply at these places, at Worton Station the youngsters bought a can of gun powder. The celebration at night was worthy the enterprise of the boys as well as the occasion.

Railroad Wreck.—A train consisting of seven box cars, one passenger coach and the mail car, on the B. & D. B. Railroad was derailed and partially wrecked near Delaney's station on Thursday morning. Mr. Musselman, the mail agent, and his brother-in-law were penned in the mail room and both went out through the small window. Conductor Welch, Brakesman Matthews were near the baggage room and when the car went over all made for the door, Conductor Welch reaching it first and jumping out. Mr. Howard fell against the stove fender and hurt his arm. Mr. Blyman says he did not jump. Expressman Matthews escaped unhurt also. The mail and passengers reached Chestertown at 5.20 o'clock on the following morning, and in switching the cars the engine was derailed. They left town on the regular trip, however, at 9.41 and it is hoped no more accidents will occur.

Mr. Westcott Resigns.—At the meeting of the board of town commissioners on Thursday last the resignation of Mr. Charles T. Westcott was presented and accepted. Mr. Westcott had been a member of the board for eighteen years and for a number of years was president of that body. Mr. James W. Lambert was appointed his successor. Mr. Lambert is a most estimable citizen and painstaking business man. It is stated in Mr. Westcott's paper that: "At the same meeting the commissioners received and considered reports from various committees appointed to make investigations relative to the town ownership of the water works. The report of Mr. Wm. Shafer, the expert machinist who was engaged to examine the machinery at the power-house, etc., was among those considered. It showed the entire plant to be in an excellent condition. While no final decision was reached in the matter at this meeting, it is generally believed now that the authorities will decide to purchase the waterworks at an early date as all investigations have shown results favorable to that end.

AFFAIRS MATRIMONIAL.

SUTTON-ESTES.

Mr. William C. Sutton, the popular Chestertown plumber, and Mrs. Theresa Estes, of Baltimore, were married on Tuesday evening, at the residence of the bride, Rev. Dr. Brunner, of Lee street M. E. church, officiating.

LEAVERTON-EDWARDS.

The wedding of Mr. Richard C. Leaverton, a prosperous young farmer residing near Pomona, and Miss Mattie Edwards, daughter of Mr. William T. Edwards, took place at Bond M. E. Church, yesterday evening, at 7 o'clock.

LANE-CLENDANIEL.

The wedding of Mr. George F. Lane of Wilmington, and Miss Hester E. Clendaniel, of Kennedyville, was solemnized yesterday.

WEER-HAYES.

Miss Maggie R. Hayes, daughter of Mr. L. C. Hayes, and Mr. J. H. Weer, were quietly married at the bride's home on Wednesday evening of last week. The bride entered the parlor leaning on the arm of the groom, and preceded by the best man, Mr. Lewis C. Hayes, Jr., brother of the bride, and the maid of honor, Miss Annie Hayes, sister of the bride, wearing a dress of pink organdie over silk, and carrying white carnations. The bride was prettily gowned in white organdie over silk, with ribbon and Rhinestone trimmings, and carried bride roses, and wore in her hair a pin of brilliants, the gift of the groom. Immediately after the ceremony, the bridal party was invited to the spacious dining-room, where a collation was enjoyed. Owing to the recent death of the bride's grandmother, only the immediate families of the contracting parties were present. The presents were numerous and handsome.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† Texas Typo, a cripple, forced to walk by means of crutches, tramped to Church Hill and back on Thursday last, a distance of fourteen miles, in the mud and driving storm. Texas Typo says that the mud was in places nearly knee-deep, and of all his tramping experiences it was the most trying.

† Mr. Alexander Spear, living near Chester bridge, in Queen Anne, has rented a fifty-acre grazing farm near New Castle, Delaware, and will move to his new farm this week. He pays a rent of $300, and will enter largely into the milk business.

† Mr. John Bell organized a conclave Improved Order Heptasophs on Thursday, at Still Pond, with over thirty members. This is the third conclave in the county.

† Captain R. S. Emory will exhibit seven varieties of pears at the Peninsula Horticultural Society meeting, commencing with the earliest varieties and extending down to the Keiffer.

Mr. Robert Moffett was summoned by telegraph as a witness in the celebrated case against United States Senator Kenney. Mr. Moffett does not know in what way he could throw any light on the case, and refused to obey the summons.

† A novelty of the Christmas season was "White Ribbon Mince Meat," advertised by the Messrs. Roland Brothers, and was a success.

† Mr. Walter T. Jackson, brother of Mrs. Dr. Simmons, has sent an Egyptian goose to Baltimore for classification. The strange bird was shot in a creek making into the Susquehanna river, and was only identified after much investigation. This was the second one ever killed in this county.

† Mr. David Ford several nights ago caught a magnificent specimen of the barn owl, in a steel-trap. The bird was larger than the booby-owl and measured 4 feet 9 inches from tip to tip of wings.

† Capt. Frank Colice, of Cecil county, has been appointed tender of the Sassafras river bridge, which connects Cecil with Kent county.

† Quite a stir has been made in Delaware by the announcement that the surplus of the Fruit Growers National Bank, Smyrna, has been reduced from $30,000 to $3,000. This bank had a large patronage in this county for many years.

† Mr. William R. Pippin, proprietor of the Armstrong Hotel, gave a novel entertainment on Monday afternoon in the form of a pool tournament. Two prizes and a booby prize were offered. The winners were: Walter Bennett, first; Turbert Greenwood, second; and John Roland, the booby prize. The prizes were first, pair kid gloves; second, tie; and booby prize, a toy donkey.

† About forty gentlemen enjoyed a fox hunt in Quaker Neck on Monday. One lady graced the occasion on horse back.

† A horse attached to a carriage was frightened by fire-crackers and dashed across Chester bridge on Saturday night at full speed.

† One of the daintiest calendars so far put out is that of Mr. William E. Jarrell, of Chesterville. One gentleman was so attracted by the beauty of the little New Year souvenir that it now graces the library of his son.

† The Corsica and the Queen Anne Railroad steamer did not leave their wharves on Tuesday of last week because of the dense fog.

† The Middletown *New Era* says: "One of our Chestertown exchanges is in high glee because a merchant in that town has 24 wagon loads of goods in his store. Come up here brother and we will show you a whole train load under one roof and one management." How many cars in your Middletown train, brother? One.

† Messrs. Shuster & Cannon started for Betterton one day last week with two wagon loads of poultry. The horses become stalded near Union church and the gentlemen were forced to carry their stock to Lynch's, the nearest station, and ship by rail.

† Kent has two women who are claiming the pension of one colored veteran of the Civil War.

† Mr. Rouse, the Standard Oil man, has been forced to drive five horses to his big oil tank because of bad roads.

† Judge Pearce wrote the decision of the court of appeals which holds that oyster commission merchants must take out license. This will add handsomely to the oyster fund.

† Twenty-one prisoners spent Christmas in the Chestertown jail. Many arrests for drunkenness and disorder have been made during the week.

† Bordley Sappington had his hand badly burned on Monday by a large firecracker. Just as the boy went to take hold of the cracker the powder ignited. Fortunately the cracker was defective for had it exploded, Dr. Wheland states that the hand would have been blown off.

† Messrs. Thompson and Duyer bagged five wild geese yesterday morning.

† Beginning Monday, January 4th, the steamer B. S. Ford will omit Kent Island from her schedule.

IN THE CHURCHES.

Eloquent Sermons and Splendid Christmas Treats for Old and Young.

The Sunday school children, teachers and friends of St. James Church enjoyed their annual Christmas feast of good things last night.

The Sunday school of Union Church will introduce its popular Old Kris to the children and have a feast on Monday night.

Wesley Chapel was the scene of a delightful Christmas festival on Monday night. There was no tree but Santa Claus dispensed presents lavishly and gave the children a royal feast of good things.

A Lunch Party will be enjoyed at the home of Mrs. S. E. Matthews to-morrow evening. Feasting, games and sweet music.

Father McSweeny did not preach a set sermon on Sunday but gave an eloquent and appropriate talk, emphasizing the significance of the Christmas tide.

Rev. J. M. Gill's Sunday morning sermon was a fine discourse from Matthew, II chapter, 2 verse: "Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." A beautiful Christmas service was held at night.

The scholars and teachers of Christ M. P. Sunday school gave St. Nick a royal reception on Tuesday evening in the Sunday school room. Gifts and good things were distributed from a beautiful Christmas tree. Mr. David B. Ford made an inimitable Kris Kingle.

Dr. C. A. Grise preached a splendid Christmas sermon from Luke II-10 verse, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy.

The annual Christmas tree and feast for the scholars and teachers of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school was given in Stam's Hall on Tuesday evening. "Santa's Decision," a beautiful Cantata was a striking feature of the program. Mr. D. P. Jones as Santa Claus was a roaring success.

A photo social will be held next Wednesday evening at Christ M. P. Church, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society. The public is cordially invited to be present and all are requested to carry with them the first photograph of themselves.

Next Sunday will be observed as Consecration and Decision day at Christ M. P. church.

Dr. S. C. Roberts, rector of Emmanuel Protesant Episcopal Church, preached an impressive sermon on Sunday morning from II Luke, 14 verse: "Glory to God in the highest; on earth peace, good will toward men." At night a delightful children's song service was held.

The scholars of Emmanuel P. E. Sunday school gathered round their Christmas tree last night, and received gifts and bags filled with Christmas cheer. Santa Claus was not there but sent an abundance of good things for the children.

An elegant treat and a beautiful prayer and song service were given the inmates of the Almshouse on Sunday afternoon. Those participating were: Miss Annie Leaverton, assisted by Mrs. Carlisle, of Lankford, and Mrs. Mary R. Bramble, J. A. Russell and Wm. B. Coleman, of of Chestertown. The service was opened with the song, "Joy to the World," after which was a prayer, followed by scripture readings. At the conclusion of the religious services presents of cake, candy, fruits, etc., were given to each and all of the inmates. These offerings were furnished partly through the Epworth League of Chestertown M. E. Church.

OLD TIME CHRISTMAS.

Dr. Peregrine Wroth's Picture Of The Holiday in Kent Years Ago.

Reference was recently made in the TRANSCRIPT to the interesting manuscript copy of a little book written by Dr. Peregrine Wroth some seventy-five years ago. No more charming picture can be found of old Yule Tide customs in Maryland seventy years ago than is given in this quaint volume. Among other things he says: "The fires blazed with peculiar lustre at Christmas. Before the dawn of the day so long desired and longed for the younger members of the family (I am speaking of the family in the country) were up and doing. The young children had searched and emptied their stockings, which had been hung up the night before, of the good things which are annually supplied by good old Kris Kringle. The capacious bowl of egg-nog was brewed; the hickory Yule log, which had been prepared days before with all ceremony, crackled and blazed on the ample hearth; the servants, large and small, with their shining ebony faces and teeth of pearl, peeped through the half-open doors and windows, and all was prepared to salute the rising sun with the well-charged Christmas gun. As soon as the sun appeared the echoes of the report were brought back from the surrounding woods, where the older servants, men and women, came from the 'quarter,' dressed in their new suits of home-made kersey, leading the children who could walk, and carrying in their arms those who could not, and entered the "great house" (home of the master was so called) to receive their Christmas dram from the hand of the master. This annual ceremony (daily through Christmas week) being over, the servants retired to the quarters, where they were regaled with a plentiful breakfast. This being dispatched, the banjo, a musical instrument which they brought with them from Africa, was introduced, and the merry dance began with the well-remembered words, "Jack butter in the fat; hop and git over dat." Here we will leave them awhile. In the great house, as they called it, egg-nog was handed round and all partook of the foaming beverage. After a breakfast of hot buckwheat cakes well buttered, rolls and biscuit, and sometimes crackling Johnny cake and coffee, garnished with stuffed sausages, the family party began to assemble, and dining-room and parlor were soon filled. In the meantime the cooks were busy in preparing the old gobbler for the spit, and the large dinner pot hanging over the fire was filled with a five-year-old ham and chines and other pork, with store of vegetables, such as cabbage, potatoes, parsnips, etc. Potpies of goose or chicken were not forgotten, and ample provision had been previously made of minced pies and pumpkin pudding, plum pudding and many other things, some of them now unknown.

"While dinner was preparing—to be served at 1 o'clock, never later—the male members of the family party would while away the hours by shooting at a target or galloping round the neighborhood sipping his neighbor's egg-nog and romping with their daughters. Hilarity reigned throughout the country; but I assure you, my dear children, that intoxication was unknown in genteel circles. All were cheerful but sober, and a modest kiss was considered no breach of decorum.

"Let us now pay another visit to the 'quarter.' The servants, who were persuaded that no man in the country was so great as master, and who never approached him without lifting the hat or scraping the ground with the toe of the shoe, had their full share of unrestrained mirth and jollity. In every family there was a 'leader of all sports' who regulated the festivities of the season. In my father's 'quarter' this leader was Cuffee. He would place a large log in the front yard of the quarter, and boring a hole in it three or four inches deep with an augur, fill it with water and plug it with a black coal from the fireplace. In the interval of the song and the dance he would spring from the door, and, striking a heavy blow with an axe on the hole in the log, jump high in the air, and, striking his feet together three times before he reached the ground, utter a loud shout as an echo to the report from the log, almost as loud as a gun. He would then return to his comrades in the quarter and give out a line of his unpremeditated song, to be answered by them in full chorus. The rythm of these songs was such as that in Africa at this day and was thence introduced into this country. I give a specimen he delivered—'Work away, my brave boys.' Chorus—'So, ho, husk up the man's corn.' Chorus—'So, ho—(prolonged). Another specimen: 'Raccoon foot and 'possum tail, New Town gals will never fail.'

"I could go on in this strain for another stump or more. Let this suffice as my sincere testimony in favor of good old times and long-buried generations."

INTERESTING APPEAL CASES.

Thomas Wright Must Hang—The Transcript Wins its Case—John B. Parrott's Claim is Also Sustained.

Judge Boyd delivered the opinion in the case of Joseph Wright vs. State of Maryland. Wright was convicted of murder in the first degree in the circuit court of Talbot county, to which county the case was removed from Kent county, where the homicide occurred. There is but one question presented by the record, the court says, and that is the ruling of the court below on an objection made by the State to the offer to prove by one Joseph Johnson a statement made to him by the prisoner shortly after the shooting of the deceased, William Newcomb. It was contended on behalf of the appellant, that the statement was made under such circumstances and at such a time as to be part of the res gestæ, and that is derived by the State. The record does not disclose what the statement was, but the court refused to admit it. The lower court is affirmed. Wright will pay the penalty imposed upon him. The unfortunate negro has not yet been officially notified that his last chance has been swept away by this decision, unless the Governor could be induced to interpose.

OF INTEREST TO NEWSPAPERS.

A case of interest to the newspapers in the various counties was recently decided by the circuit court for Kent county while in session at Elkton. In 1896 Sheriff James A Casey advertised in the CHESTERTOWN TRANSCRIPT the farm of Thomas A. Jacobs. He had made a deed of trust to Charles T. Westcott and John D. Urie. The judgment under which the farm was advertised was subsequently paid by Mr. Westcott as trustee, but he refused to pay the costs of advertising in the TRANSCRIPT, stating that Mr. Jacobs had not selected the TRANSCRIPT as the paper in which he wished the advertisement to appear, and declining to pay the bill on this ground. The trustee had an audit stated excluding the bill of the TRANSCRIPT, and exceptions were filed to the audit. Judge William R. Martin and Judge Frederick Stump have filed an opinion stating that if Mr. Jacobs desired to select a paper he should have done so at the time the levy was made or prior to the insertion of the advertisement. His neglect to do so was a waiver of his right under the statute, and the TRANSCRIPT was entitled to the payment of its bill in full, together with costs. The court accordingly decreed the payment of the TRANSCRIPT's bill together with all costs incurred in the contest. Hope H. Barroll appeared for the TRANSCRIPT.

JOHN B. PARROTT VS. THE CHESTERTOWN NATIONAL BANK.

This case was decided by the Court of Appeals on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Parrott, together with the late Colin F. Stam, was endorser on the note of Benj. F. Fleming for $500 to the Chestertown National Bank. The bank held a mortgage from Mr. Fleming for $2,900, which was reduced by successive payments to less than $1800. Mr. Parrott asked the bank for a statement showing what payments were made and how they had been applied by the bank. This the bank refused to give, and Mr. Parrott thereupon filed a bill asking the court to compel discovery and asking to be substituted in the place of the bank upon payment by him of the note. The circuit court for Kent county, Judges Martin and Stump, decided that as Mr. Parrott had not actually paid the note he was not entitled to substitution, and denied the right to discovery. An appeal was taken and the Court of Appeals held that while Mr. Parrott was not entitled to substitution until the money was actually paid over, he was entitled to the discovery sought for, and decreed that the bank should disclose fully all payments made on account of the mortgage, show how same had been applied, and on what notes such applications were made. Mr. Parrott has since, together with Mr. Stam during his lifetime, paid the note in full, and he will now be entitled to such credits as his proportion of the mortgage may entitle him to receive. Hope H. Barroll, Esq., and Jas. P. Gorter, Esq., of Baltimore, appeared for John B. Parrott, and Charles T. Westcott, Esq., and Richard D. Hynson, Esq., for the Chestertown National Bank.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

How Your Friends Are Enjoying the Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill, of Baltimore, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Anna Bryant Hill to the Rev. John George Sadtler, on Wednesday evening, January 4th, in St. Peters Protestant Episcopal Church, Baltimore.

Prof. I. L. Twilley has won as his bride a young lady of Baltimore. Mr. Twilley was a graduate of Washington College in 1889.

Miss Miriam Hubbard entertained her little friends most delightfully yesterday afternoon. A graphophone concert was given after which games were enjoyed and at 5.30 o'clock a dainty feast was served to Miss Hubbard's about thirty little guests. She made an ideal hostess.

Mr. Charles S. Smith, had a beautiful Christmas tree for his children lighted by electricity. The lights were green, red, blue and white.

Miss Mary P. Ould and Miss Katie Hopper, of Baltimore, have been guests of Chestertown friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hines and son have been visiting Judge and Mrs. Joseph A. Wickes, High street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Hurtt and Mr. Spencer M. Hurtt, of Philadelphia, have been visiting their father, Mr. J. H. Hurtt, at the Voshell House.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Perkins, Jr., and children, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. Perkins' mother, Mrs. Thomas, on Washington avenue.

Miss Mary Thomas is visiting Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Roberts, Queen street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick and little daughter are visiting the home of Mrs. Fitzpatrick's father, Mr. E. C. Reiche.

Prof. Thomas D. Bowers, of the St. Michael's High School, is spending the holiday at home.

James W. Chapman, Jr., Esq., of the Baltimore bar, has been visiting in town this week.

Miss Sophia Beck has been most acceptably assisting Deputy Greenwood in the treasurer's office during the rush of the past several weeks.

Miss Mary Rogers is home from Notre Dame for the holiday season.

Dr. C. P. Gilpin has spent the past week with friends in Cecil county and in Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brown spent Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Brown's mother, in Cecil.

Mrs. M. E. Brown and Miss Anna Brown are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Eliason.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hines have spent the week pleasantly at the "Maples," the beautiful home of Mrs. Hines' mother, Mrs. M. A. Wilkins.

Misses Helen, Olive and May Russell, and Mr. James Russell and Robert Emory, of Baltimore, have been guests at the home of Capt. R. S. Emory.

Mr. Bevens Morris, the Washington College student who was too ill to go to his home in St. Mary's county for the holiday, is still quite ill, and is now threatened with typhoid fever.

W. M. Slay, Esq., after being confined to the house for several weeks, is now able to be on the street by means of crutches. Mr. Slay's many friends will be glad to hear that he is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. Smith's father, Mr. George W. Smith, Maple avenue.

Miss Fannie Stuart is visiting Baltimore friends.

Messrs. Eldridge and John Eliason, students at Yale College, are at home for the Christmas. One of these gentlemen was with Lieut. Vickers, on the train on Thursday, and after walking to Massey's, drove to Chestertown that night.

Miss Mattie Davis, of Still Pond, is spending Christmas week with her college friend, Miss Ella Whitworth, Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Twilley spent the past week at the home of Mrs. Twilley's mother, in Baltimore.

Mr. Howard Fowler, of Hopkins University, is at home for a ten days holiday.

Miss Jennie Glasscock, of Baltimore, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. T. W. Eliason.

Mr. J. Herman Ireland, of Baltimore, and Mr. William P. Ireland, of Philadelphia, have spent several days of the present week at the home of their mother, on Maple avenue.

Harry Rickey, Jr., of Hopkins University, is enjoying the holidays at home.

Miss Ethelind Crisfield is the guest of Judge and Mrs. James A. Pearce, Maple avenue.

Rev. J. D. Kemp and wife and Miss Kemp, are visiting Mrs. Kemp's father, Gen'l John Bordley.

Dr. C. H. Medders, of Baltimore, is the guest of his brother, Mr. William Medders, Still Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson, of Anne Arundel county, are visiting Mrs. Benson's mother, Mrs. Parrott, at Still Pond.

Miss Jackson, of Havre de Grace, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dr. H. B. Simmons. Miss Jackson is an accomplished musician and rendered several beautiful selections on the banjo at the cantata by the M. E. Sunday school on Tuesday evening.

Mr. William C. Crow, father of Mrs. John Bell, passed his ninety-fourth Christmas on Sunday, and ate and enjoyed a hearty dinner. Mr. Crow has not a pain or an ache. Congratulations, Mr. Crow.

Mr. Earle Usilton, a student of Hahnemann's Medical College, Philadelphia, has spent the holidays at home.

Supt. Quantz spent Christmas with his family, at Winchester, Virginia.

Lieutenant H. W. Vickers is home from Delaware College.

B. F. Perkins, Esq., of the Philadelphia bar, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Vickers, at Lauretum Place.

Mr. Frank Smith has spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Frank Smith.

Miss Hallie Toulson is visiting the family of Dr. Walter R. Graham, Westminster, Md.

Miss Etta Reed, of Philadelphia, has been visiting Miss Annie Copper, near town.

Norman Massey, of Springfield, Mass., is visiting friends in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hubbard spent Christmas day with their daughter, Mrs. Roland Watts, in Baltimore—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Strong, of Rock Hall were the guests of Mrs. S. L. Thomas, Washington Ave—Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Wheatley and daughter, Miss Flora, of Edesville, spent the day with the former's mother on High street.—Prof. L. J. Smyth and family, at the home of the former's mother, Fairlee.

The young people of Edesville gave a pleasant dance in the Edesville hall on Tuesday night.

A pleasant dance was given in Stam's Hall on Wednesday night of last week.

Miss Cora Massey, of Springfield, Mass., is visiting friends in town.

Mr. Perry Orem, of Baltimore, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Chas. S. Smith.

Miss Marion Tucker, of Dover, Del., is visiting Miss Nellie McWhorter, on Washington Ave

Mr. Elwood Burgess, son of Judge Samuel Burgess of the Orphan's Court, is home from Strayer's Business College for the holiday.

Rev. B. F. Price, the oldest member of the Wilmington Conference, on Wednesday of last week celebrated his eighty-third birthday at his home in Elkton. He has been in the ministry for sixty years.

Mr. Harry Bramble won a 25-pound turkey on Saturday. The big bird was afterward raffled and reraffled until it had brought about $20.

Mr. George Perkins, of Philadelphia, spent several days of the present week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Perkins.

Mr. William Sherwood, of the Sassafras school, is visiting friends in town.

Miss Lizzie Watts is the guest of Baltimore friends.

Miss Anna Bryan is spending the Christmas holiday with her brother, Rev. J. Frank Bryan, Waverly.

Mr, Charles York, the efficient clerk in the store of Mr. J. F. Thompson, spent a portion of the week in Baltimore at the home of his parents.

The young men of Chestertown will give their annual Christmas ball in Stam's Hall to-night. The committee are Messrs. George Vickers, H. Simpers, Joseph Brice, Thomas W. Perkins and Thomas Massey.

OBITUARY.

The Sad Death of Mrs. Walter Kendall on Christmas Eve.

MRS. WALTER KENDALL.

One of the saddest deaths which has taken place for many months was that of Mrs. Emma Kendall, wife of Mr. Walter Kendall, of near Swan Creek, on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Kendall had gone to Baltimore that morning for the purpose of buying gifts and other articles for the wife and little ones at home. Mrs. Kendall, when he left, was well and happy, and with her five children, the oldest one of which was eleven years of age, was looking forward with pleasure to the joyous Christmas season.

Without a moment's warning, in the afternoon, a varicose vein broke. One of the children hurried over and summoned Mr. George Stevens, a neighbor, who promptly responded, but he came too late. With her head resting in the lap of a little child, the mother's spirit had fled.

When Mr. Kendall reached home at night, instead of a home of brightness and joy, as he had expected, he found one of sadness and death.

It is supposed that at the sight of blood, Mrs. Kendall fainted and was thus rendered unable to assist herself in any way. The children can not give any especial cause for the breaking of the vein.

Mrs. Kendall was before marriage Miss Emma Glenn, daughter of Mr. William Glenn, of Piney Neck, and at the time of her death, was thirty years of age.

The funeral services took place at Wesley Chapel, on Monday afternoon, Rev. C. K. McCaslin officiating. The bearers were: Lawrence and George Stevens, Walter Haddaway, Stephen Newcomb, Richard Walbert and Louis Ayres.

MRS. JAMES RANKIN.

Mrs. James Rankin died at her home in Baltimore on Sunday last. The remains will be brought to Quaker Neck this Thursday afternoon, and will be met by Undertaker Dodd. Interment at St. Paul's. Mrs. Rankin was a daughter of the late William S. Thompson, who at one time lived on the George D. S. Handy farm, near Fairlee, and had many friends in the county.

MISS LAURA ASHLEY.

Miss Laura Ashley died at the home of Mr. William Burgess, in Piney Neck, at 1 o'clock on Tuesday, aged 49 years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. K. McCaslin; interment in Wesley Chapel cemetery. The bearers were: Walter Sadler, J. L. Lerry, James Woods, Charles Woods, Jackson Ward and W. H. Greenwood. Undertaker Dodd in charge.

CHESTERVILLE HAPS.

"Occasional" Finds That People are Getting a Move on Themselves, but in all Cases the Road Does Not Lead to Fredericktown.

Members of the Rev. J. E. Wilson's church here and at Millington, called on the reverend gentleman last week and filled his larder with some of the essential creature comforts of life. The recipient, no doubt, highly appreciated this token of their esteem whose spiritual welfare is his constant aim and his earnest desire.

Mr. Chas. W. England was attacked with severe vertigo recently but we hear has greatly improved. We hope to look on the genial face of friend Charley in the near future.

Mary Solloway, who has filled the place of sexton at the Emmanuel Church, here since her husband's death, now some four or five years ago, has tendered her resignation to take effect at the beginning of the incoming year. It seems contradictory, but there is nothing constant but change, and this is more evident towards the close of the year when so many families voluntarily or involuntarily get a move on themselves. Mr. Samuel Ford will succeed Mr. Spencer Comegys, who takes charge of his father's farm, which Mr. John M. Comegys has rented for a number of years. Mr. Johnny, as is well known, succeeds Mr. Dennis J. Newland, who goes to Middletown, Del. Mr. Geo. W Spry will move to Millington from what is known as the "Patty Godwin" farm. Mr. Wesley Whinsley succeeds him there. In our village we hear that our constable, Mr. Elias F. Lockerman, will move to Millington, and Mr. William J. Clark will move into the house vacated by Mr. Lockerman. Mr. Wm. Dobson, who a year ago moved down on the river a few miles below your town, will return to his residence here, now tenanted by Mr. Wm. S. Moffett, who goes on Mr. Samuel Merritt's farm, near Shrewsbury Church. Mr. Wm. Garrett, who has carried on for Mr. J. E. Hurlock, about 2½ miles distant from here, will move on Mrs. Henry Jump's farm, near Coleman corner. Mr. Coleman substitutes Mr. John Martin on Mr. Wm. T. Lusby's farm, on the river above Crumpton.

Is there not some truth in the remark that the "world's a masquerade." Mr. So and So accepts a position—a position for which he has put forth all the energies of his being to obtain and which by inference we are led to believe has come and lit on him as a bee or butterfly on a flower. There is nothing degrading in seeking an honest livelihood and we believe it is the world's greatest philosopher who says "Industry is the law or our being, it is a demand of nature, of reason and of God." "All roads," it is said, "lead to Rome," but some one tells us that they all tend to Fredericktown now. We don't suppose it is the imperial grandeur that draws travel—not by a "jug full."

FROM WORTON

Rev. Geo. Ellis spent the Christmas holiday with his parents in Laurel, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Newsome, of Chestertown, spent the holiday with their parents in Worton.

Mrs. H. E. Cooper has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Ashley, of Rock Hall.

Miss Lou Jewell, of Baltimore, is the guest of her parents near here.

Misses Annie Cooper and Katie Parsons are visiting friends and relatives in and around Worton.

Mr. Jake Kiker is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

A great many around here are suffering with La Grippe. Those on the sick list are: Mr. John A. Duyer and mother, Misses Margie, Mary and Eunice Cooper, Master Tom Rouse, Mrs. Emma Adams and Mr. Harry Nicols.

A "Y" social will be held at the home of Miss Sue Matthews, near here, on Friday evening of this week.

Miss Annie Herbert is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. M. Startt.

There is to be a great many changes around here this year. Mr. Frank Gilpin will take the place vacated by Mr. Alfred Solloway, Mr. Otho Fogwell goes where Mr. Gilpin moves from. Mr. John Robinson goes on the farm vacated by Mr. Fogwell. Mr. Wm. Lynch goes in the house vacated by Mr. Alonzo Kennard, Mr. K. moves to Quaker Neck wharf. Mr. John Fogwell goes in the house vacated by Mr. Lynch. Mr. Wm. Reed moves on a farm down the county. Mrs. M. Moore and sons go down the co. Mrs. Crew goes in the house vacated by Mrs. Moore. Mr. Aaron Taylor goes where Mr. Wm. Ashley now lives. Mr. Jim Greenwood goes on the farm vacated by Mr. T. M. H. E. Cooper and son have dissolved partnership and Mr. E. E. Hudson will take the store vacated by the same under the name of Cooper and Hudson.

Mr. Stanley Matthews, the popular clerk in Turner & Boyles new store was quite sick last week. His place was efficiently filled by Mr. Isaac Duyer.

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Holiday time ushers in the newest creations and prettiest colorings in **Tecks, Puffs, Four-in-Hands, Ascots and Imperials.** The very latest of these, the very dainties, are here, each in a box to match and only **50 Cents.**

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Bath Towels 25c. to $1.25.

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