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LOCAL MATTERS.

Deputy Postmaster Appointed.—Mr. C. M. Lucas on Saturday made known the name of the deputy postmaster of Chestertown. The name of the deputy is William H. Lambert, Jr., the ex-deputy clerk to the board of county commissioners.

Prisoner Sick.—James Jackson, the negro who brutally assaulted Mr. Ed ward Lusby about three weeks ago, has been given a hearing and sentenced to six months in the House of Correction. Jackson is now very sick in jail, it is feared with typhoid fever.

Young Stock Frozen.—Farmers report the severe weather as having been very trying upon young lambs. Mr. J. Walter Skirven states that he had over fifty when the cold spell set in, and it was a most difficult matter to prevent the younger ones from being frozen. Other farmers give similar reports. Mr. Geo. S. Biddle lost twenty-five young pigs.

Escaped Drowning. — Mr. Frank Greenwood, son of Auctioneer J. H. Greenwood, made a narrow escape from drowing and perishing from the cold on Saturday. With a number of other young men he was skating on Chester river, and when opposite the residence of Mr. John Loud young Greenwood broke through the ice. He went under the ice several times in his struggles. Ned Westcott, with wonderful coolness secured a rail from the shore and finally the rescue was made. The effects of the cold were so great that the unfortunate boy became drowsy and it was with difficulty he was gotten to the home of Mr. John Loud, where he was kindly cared for.

These Have Worked—The following is a list of the pupils of school No. 2, election district No. 7, obtaining an average of 90 or over: Nannie Ford, 97.4; Howard Hadaway, 97; Frank Hadaway, 96.6; Mamie Hickey, 96; Mowbray Hadaway, 96; Webster Hadaway, 96; May Cannon, 95.5; Nellie Gillespie, 95; Mary Hadaway, 95; Lester Newnam, 95; Pearl Faulkner, 94.7; Elsie Cannon, 94; John Hadaway, 94; Howard Newnam, 94; Lester Ford, 93.2; Ida Taylor, 93; Jennie Maslin, 92.7; Lida Rollison, 92.2; Frank Taylor, 92; Hurlock Howell, 91.9; Ethel Brown, 91; Lizzie Taylor, 91; Elston Brown, 90.5; Harry Toulson, 90.2. Miss M. C. Burchinal is teacher.

A Rough Experience.—About twenty-five gentlemen, most of them members of the Smyrna minstrel troupe, came to Chestertown by special train on Thursday evening and gave an entertainment in Stam's Hall that night. The young men were accompanied by about a dozen ladies. The entertainment was excellent but because of the intense cold scarcely more than a half house greeted the visitors, whereas a full house would have been present with anything like favorable conditions. The cold was something awful. The mercury registered eight degrees below zero and the experience was one long to be remembered. The special did not reach Smyrna until three o'clock A. M. Operator Culp remained at his post all night and in spite of a red-hot stove could scarcely keep warm.

The Chandelier Fell.—The Sunday school building of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, narrowly escaped destruction by fire on Friday evening. Andrew, the colored sexton had just finished lighting the last of the six oil lamps in the chandalier for the Friday evening service, when the rod broke from the ceiling and the whole fell to the floor with a crash. Fortunately all of the lamps were extinguished in the fall but one. The burning lamp in an instant, and before it had ignited the quantity of oil on the floor, was grabbed and thrown from the window into the street. But for the presence of and promptness of the sexton no one can tell what might have been the result as the mercury then registered below zero and a high wind prevailed. The iron work of the chandalier was so badly broken as to be totally useless.

Challenge Not Accepted.—The challenge of Mr. John H. Clendaniel to trot his own horse, Marcus N., against any horse in Kent county, to a sleigh, in the streets of Chestertown, any day this week, for money or fun, three best in five, has not been accepted by any one, possibly because the contest was rendered impossible by the snow. Whether or not Mr. Clendaniel's fine horse would have been given an opportunity to show his splendid points in a contest with some local trotter is not known. It is contended by some that while W. C. A. Thompson's *pacer*, Jack, is not precluded, he is certainly not included, as the challenge says distinctly "to trot" while Jack's gait is emphatically a *pace*. This trifling distinction might easily have been remedied, and the public are sorely disappointed that too much snow should have deprived them of so rare a treat. Both of these horses are like "greased lightning" on the snow and both have warm friends who would have backed their champion.

MT. VERNONS BANQUET.

The Old Literary Society Still Vigorous and Active Entertains its Friends.

The annual banquet of the Mount Vernon Literary Society was held at Hotel Brown on Friday evening. The members of the Pieria Literary Society of the college were expected to be the guests of honor of the occasion, but because of the cold they did not attend. In their honor, however, the spacious halls of the old Colonial mansion were draped profusely and beautifully with the brown of the Mt. Vernons and the purple and white of the Pierias. The general effect was inspiring, but because of the unexpected absence of the Pieria members the faces of none of the gallant Mt. Vernons gave evidence of especial inspiration.

The evening was pleasantly spent in playing games and in social intercourse until about ten o'clock when all repaired to the banquet hall. The table spread for the feasters was truly a thing of beauty. Fruits and flowers predominated in the decorations while confections, nuts, raisins, cakes, ices and creams, etc, served to complete a feast fit for the gods. It was a delightful occasion and the members of the oldest college literary society in America lost none of the laurels gained at past banquets in this, their latest effort. It was just what might have been and was expected from these royal entertainers of the past, a pleasant success.

In Maryland Towns.

Friday was the great record-breaker in many years, and it is doubtful that any colder spell ever struck this section of country. The following table gives the temperature in a number of Maryland towns, in each case being below zero: Princess Anne, 5; Pocomoke City, 5; Westminster, 20; Cumberland, 14; Chestertown, 10; Salisbury, 6; Frostburg, 21; Middletown, 15; Frederick, 15; Hagerstown, 21; St. Michaels, 4; Williamsport, 20; Snow Hill, 2.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† But thirty-four of the sixty-five teachers of the county attended Saturday's Teachers' Institute, because of the cold.

† Because of competition among local packers, tomato growers in the vicinity of Easton are to get $7 per ton for their tomatoes.

† The lecture by Father Miles J. McManus, at Galena, has been indefinately postponed because of the indisposition of the lecturer.

† The engine which went through the bridge at the time of the big wreck near Kennedyville last year, remains plunged in the stream.

† In spite of the intense cold of Friday "Still Pond," the small body of water which has given a local habitation and a name to the prosperous up-the-county village, had not a skim of ice on its surface.

† Miss Elmer Massey, daughter of Mr. Josiah Massey, was painfully injured while coasting in Washington last week. The sled came in contact with an electric car, and one of her companions was killed.

† Tuesday was Shrove Tuesday or pan-cake-day, yesterday was Ash Wednesday, and Sunday next will be the first Sunday in the Lenten season. March 26th will be Palm Sunday, March 31st, Good Friday and April 2nd Easter Sunday.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

A marriage license was issued in Elkton last week, to Mr. Elmer E. Stafford, of Millington, Kent county, and Miss Alrissa Redgrave, of Murphy's Mill, Cecil county.

Miss Elizabeth Dukes, of Tuckahoe Neck, was a visitor at the home of her brother, Mr. William T. Dukes, Locust Grove, Kent county.

Commodore McConnor, of the Chester River Company, has been on the sick list for several weeks past, at his home in Baltimore.

Mr. Edward Emory is reported as convalescing after a serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. William Medders were expected at home on Tuesday after their extended bridal trip in the south but did not arrive.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter U. Lusby returned on Saturday from their bridal tour. They will occupy Mr. Lusby's pretty remodeled home on High street.

Dr. J. H. Willey, well known in Kent a few years ago as the eloquent pastor of the Chestertown M. E. Church, is writing for the St. Michaels *Comet*, a series of interesting articles of travel. His last letter is written from the Pyramids in Egypt, in which he says: "I literally ran away from the swarming, chattering Arabs in order to get a photograph of the Sphynx."

Mr. E. Lockwood Stam, son of the late Louis K. Stam, has sailed on the tramp steamer Tasso, for Rotterdam, Holland.

Friday evening was the regular meeting of the Olla Podrida's at the home of Miss Sopha Beck, but on account of the cold only Miss Beulah Hayes and Mr. George Vickers ventured out.

Mr. E. Weston Welch, of New York, is visiting his mother on Queen street.

Mr. Blackiston is the guest of his aunts, the Misses Blackiston on Washington Avenue, and did splendid work in battling with the snow drifts on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. E. J. Clarke has been summoned to Pocomoke City because of the illness of her brother with typhoid fever. She will go just as soon as trains commence running on the local road.

AFFAIRS MATRIMONIAL.

PITCHER—ROBERTS.

Miss Mary Evelyn Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roberts, formerly of Calvert county, now living on Franklin street, Baltimore, was married last week to Mr. Joseph William Pitcher, of Key West, Florida. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. C. Powell at Grace Protestant Episcopal Church. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. William Morsell Roberts, wore a white satin dress, en train, trimmed with pearls and point lace. Her veil was caught with orange blossoms. She carried Bride roses.

Miss Eloise Morsell Roberts was flower girl, and Miss Lola May Carpenter, maid of honor. Miss Roberts wore pink mousseline de soie, and carried a basket of pink carnations. Miss Carpenter wore white taffeta silk and carried a huge bunch of maiden-hair ferns, tied with white ribbon. The bridesmaids were Misses Nina Roberts, Florence Brown, Ethel Watkins and Anna Robinson. They wore white mousseline de soie over white silk, and carried La France roses. J. Morsell Roberts was best man, and the ushers were George Peterson and Joseph Blake, of Baltimore; Telfair Bowie, of Washington, and Thornton Perkin, of Elkton, Ky. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Pitcher left for a three-month's trip south. They will visit Atlanta, Ga.; Jacksonville, Miami and Key West, Fla., and return via Montgomery, Ala.

GAME DESTROYED.

Sportsmen Think That Stock Birds and Rabbits are Almost Totally Destroyed.

By universal consent, Kent's stock of partridges and rabbits has suffered almost total destruction by the intense cold and unprecedented snow. Until the blizzard of Saturday night set in it was possible to feed the birds and many could and would have been saved in this way.

Mr. George S. Biddle says: "I fear the partridges are almost if not quite destroyed. I fed twenty-five fine birds at my place until Saturday. The great enemy to partridges during protracted snows are hawks. In spite of the snow, weeds and grasses are filled with seeds and birds might make out, were they allowed to feed on the snow unmolested by the hawks."

Mr. Rod Vansant, the Galena gunner, says: "It was impossible for birds to stand the intense cold of Friday night with comparatively empty crops.

Mr. Ray Bowers, the crack wild goose hunter, says that he fed birds on his place until they were lost in the great snow of Sunday and Monday. He fears that stock birds and rabbits are almost if not entirely wiped out of existence.

Mr. Edward Jones, of near Lynch's, was a friend to the birds and fed covies on his place.

Mr. William E. Moody says that it is next to impossible that any partridges and rabbits should have escaped. It simply means a famine of sport for some seasons to come.

WILD GEESE IN TOWN.

A thing never heard of before was the shooting of a wild goose in the streets of Chestertown on Tuesday. A pair of geese, apparently half starved and cold settled on a lumber pile back of the office of Mr. T. W. Eliason. They then lighted on a shed within a few feet of the back door of the store of Mr. J. H. Simpers. Mr. Hopkins, an insurance agent, secured a gun and brought down one of the birds. The other flew off just above the rooves of the buildings. This, Chestertown gunners declare, is an unprecedented occurrence.

Kent Blizzard-Swept!

Artic Scenes Throughout Kent, Accompanied by Arctic Blasts —All Travel on the Railroad and Public Roads Blocked.

NOTES OF THE GREAT STORM.

No Mails Since Saturday and None Expected Before To-morrow.

NAVIGATION CLOSED.

Not within the memory of the oldest inhabitant has Kent passed through so trying an ordeal of intense cold and unprecedented record of snow and storm. Kent's experience, however, has been the experience of the whole country east of the Rocky mountains.

The severe cold set in on Wednesday night and on Thursday morning stood one degree above zero, and the highest point reached by the mercury during the day was 6°. But not until Friday morning did the full force of the arctic breath become felt in its greatest intensity. At 7 o'clock the mercury stood at 10° below zero with a strong north west blast prevailing. The thermometer registered about the zero point all day and on Saturday morning another degree was added on making 11 degrees below the zero point. Of course there were different records by the various thermometers, but the most accurate clung near the eight and ten degree record.

A Remarkable Record.

The following interesting record of the cold wave record and the heavy snow fall during the past ten days, is kindly furnished by M. deK. Smith, Esq.

	Maximum Temperature	Minimum Temperature	Snow fall in inches	Prevailing wind direction	Character of day
Sat., Feb. 4	44°	32°	6.00	North.	Cloudy.
Sun., Feb. 5	28°	25°	1.00	"	"
Mon., Feb. 6	29°	24°	4.00	"	"
Tues., Feb. 7	32°	23°	1.50	"	"
Wed. Feb. 8	25°	25°	.25	N.W.	"
Thur., Feb. 9	07°	01°		"	Clear.
Fri., Feb. 10	03°	*8°		"	"
Sat., Feb. 11	09°	*9°	4.50	North.	Pt. Clo'y
Sun., Feb. 12	09°	06°	8.00	"	Cloudy.
Mon., Feb. 13	10°	08°	9.00	"	"
Tues., Feb. 14	21°	06°		"	Clear.
Wed., Feb. 15	32°	*7°	—	—	—

*Below zero. Total, 34¼ inches snow.

MEAN OR AVERAGE TEMPERATURE FOR THE WHOLE DAY.

Thursday, February 9th	4° above
Friday, February 10th	3° below
Saturday, February 11th	Zero.
Sunday, February 12th	6° above
Monday, February 13th	9° above

NAVIGATION CLOSED.

Navigation closed on Wednesday of last week it is feared for weeks to come. The Emma Ford made an effort to battle her way through the heavy ice but after reaching North Point returned to her Light street wharf, Baltimore.

The steamer B. S. Ford made her last trip on Wendesday. She was then unable to reach Centreville and landed her freight and passengers at Queenstown. The steamer Endeavor made a trip on Thursday, but has not run since.

Ice on the Chester river at Chestertown yesterday measured 6 inches in thickness.

Capt. John Kirwan, of the steamer Susquehanna, running in the place of the Emma Giles, of the Tolchester Line, on the Annapolis and West River route, was obliged to abandon part of his trip on Friday after a four hours' battle with ice.

THE GREAT BLIZZARD SETS IN.

The greatest blizzard ever recorded and possibly known in this section did not open in earnest until Saturday evening. Snow commenced falling about 7 o'clock with a light wind far from a gale. By Sunday a fall of 12½ inches had taken place and during the day the wind increased somewhat in force and the fall of snow became more dense. The severity of the storm swooped down in earnest during the night and by Monday morning arctic scenes were shown on every hand. Chestertown had never known anything like it. Both old and young stood helpless and bewildered in the midst of the fury of the elements. Business was practically suspended and nothing but snow drifts could be seen and nothing but the howl and roar of the storm could be heard. It was at times truly appalling.

Some business men did not leave their homes, the streets were almost deserted, and some stores were not opened at all. The falling and drifting snow, driven by the gale was almost blinding, and it was impossible at times to see a half square. As the afternoon drew on the blizzard of 1899 increased in fury, and stores were closed and other business places that men might seek shelter from the storm before nightfall. Great hills of snow had gradually been raised across public thoroughfares, doorways were closed, and only strong men found it possible to navigate about town. Operator W. M. Culp, who waited until six o'clock to close his office, was forced to crawl over the banks which spread themselves like rolling waves of foam before him. Capt. James H. Thompson, who is now in his eighty-sixth year, states that he had never seen anything like it before.

ALL TRAFFIC SUSPENDED.

Conductor John Welch early in the day received orders from Supt. Stacey ordering that he make no effort to move his engine until the storm had abated. On the Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania roads from New York to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington all operations were suspended, and not an engine was moving. A general paralysis prevailed. Commerce lay bound, and only the law of self-preservatisn held in force. Doctors found it impossible to attend patients, and no one moved except to relieve suffering. The TRANSCRIPT man took a round of the town and found that but two men other than the officials had been in the court house during the day. Only Postmaster Wheatley was found in the postoffice, and not a purchaser in any of the stores.

BATTLES WITH THE DRIFTS.

Before daylight on Tuesday the storm abated, the stars came out and the greatest storm of the century had become a matter of history. At an early hour the work of clearing the streets commenced, and by eleven o'clock Chestertown presented a picture of rare beauty and picturesqueness. She was paved with white and her streets were carved from a spreading block of unsullied whiteness. Stuccoes and frescoes, rooves, stoops and windows were all dazzling in their sparkling whiteness. More than an hundred men were busy cutting canals, piling up barricades of snow or in other ways warming the life-blood in the frozen arteries of trade. The town has rarely ever been so prompt and so thorough in its work of clearing sidewalks, opening crossings or relieving obstructions wherever found, The commissioners, Mr. James Brice and Mr. C. L. Dodd, were warmly commended for their splendid work, and Officer Frazier handled his corps of men intelligently and effectively in raising the blockade.

A THRILLING SCENE.

Conductor Welch commenced early in his great battle with the snow on the tracks of the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad. Messrs. Horace Reed, Cyrus Howard, W. T. Hollett, Frank Blyman, Benjamin T. Rust and their corps of men were all at their posts. In the deep cut less than one hundred yards from the station, the snow lay banked on one side of the track to a depth of fully twenty feet. On the other side it was not so deep. The first dash of the engine into the heavy drift was only partially successful. Then the men were put to blocking the snow into sections, and the battle commenced in earnest. The TRANSCRIPT man stood on a bank above and saw the great "but" of the day. All being ready Engineer Reed pulled out the throttle and sent his engine dashing into the drift. She completely buried herself. When she was dug out the headlight was found smashed, the window of the cab was broken in and snow was piled on the engine and on the top of the cab to a depth of four or five feet. It was a mighty lunge and presented a picture rarely ever seen in this section. Great clouds of flying snow filled the air. Hundreds of persons visited the scene during the day. By nightfall the cut had been cleared and about one mile of track completely opened.

NO MAILS.

The last mail to arrive in Chestertown came by way of Price's Station on Saturday evening. This has been one of the greatest of the many great tribulations of the storm. The Rock Hall mail had not been heard from up to yesterday, but may possibly fight its way through to-day.

REPRESENTATIVES COMING IN.

At 3 o'clock yesterday, Mr. John N. Duyer and Frank Gilpin brought the first news from Worton Station. These gentlemen in a sleigh, accompanied by twenty-five horsemen started on their trip at 10 o'clock. Much of the trip was made through the fields and many snow-banks were dug through.

At 3.30 Messrs. Archie Ramage, Walter Sparks, Bertie Crouch, Charolton Kidd, John Rice, D. G. Smith and S. C. LeCompt arrived from Fairlee in a sleigh driving six horses. They started at 9 o'clock and had a memorable trip, digging canals through snow drifts, digging horses out of the banks and undergoing many other thrilling experiences

Mr. John C. Davis came through from Pomona in a sleigh in something less than three hours.

All testify to the severity of the storm.

LOCALS OF THE KNOW.

Upsets in sleighs have been the order of the day.

Lamp-lighter Brown found the oil in his street lamps frozen to the bottom yesterday morning.

So far as learned not a country school in the county was open on Monday or Tuesday, and but few if any yesterday.

Three windows of the residence of Dr. W. Frank Hines were completely closed by snow banked on his back porch.

Dr. J. A. Catlin was forced to ride on horse back to his breakfast on Tuesday morning, a distance of about a square and a half.

Mr. Edward Armstrong got as far as across Chester bridge with the afternoon mails via Prices Station, on Monday, but was forced to return.

But ten pupils were present at the Chestertown public school on Monday. Three of the number were girls. The usual number is about 250.

A number of young men put a force of men at work grading the snow banks on Eliason's hill and a royal time of pleasure was enjoyed last night.

Recitations were entirely suspended at Washington College on Monday. It was impossible for the young ladies to get from Normal Hall to the recitation halls.

The demand on the coal yards during Monday's great blizzard was great. Mr. Bacchus sent out his teams but half a ton was a full load for two horses.

Misses Sadie Burgess and Mary Thomas, who remained in town the guest of friends from Friday, are still kept from their schools by the snow blockade.

Six men and boys on horse and mule back, from Mr. Victor Hendrickson's, broke the track into town, but were forced to take to the fields much of the way.

The orphans' court failed to meet on Tuesday for the first time since the blizzard of 1888. At that time no business was done only Mr. William S. Walker being present.

Deputy collector J. H. Hurtt returned to Chestertown on Saturday. He walked as far as the station on his return trip on Monday but was forced to return and bides his time in patience.

Messrs R. Snowden Thomas, W. W. Chapman, A. B. Burris T.W. Perkins and several others secured fine pictures of the engine as she battled with the big snow drifts near Chestertown.

Mr. F. M. Miller was kept at work on bursted pipes until half-past two o'clock on Sunday morning. Nearly half the homes in Chestertown had bursted water pipes in them.

The approaches to the court house were so badly banked on Monday that it was impossible for members of the Kent Building and Loan Association to hold their customary weekly meeting.

Officer Frazier turned off the water from the fire plugs so that they might not freeze, and states that had a fire occurred the plugs would have been in working order at a moment's notice.

Because of the almost impassable condition of the roadways on Monday, Hope H. Barroll, Esq., enjoyed the novelty of sleighing about town on the pavements. Anything went in Chestertown on Monday.

The milk-wagon of Mr. Robert Moffett and the sleigh of Hope H. Barroll, Esq., were the only out-of-town teams on the streets on Monday morning. Supt. Frederick Quantz braved the storm and went to the paper mill.

Forty-one paper mill mules were turned loose in Chestertown yesterday morning to break the track, through the kindness of Supt. Quantz. Messrs. Simpler and John Coleman had the cavalcade in charge.

Mr. Groff, one of the old officials of the B. & D. B. R. R., and one thoroughly conversant with peninsular railroad matters, says that this section has not known such a storm since the opening of the Pennsylvania road past Clayton.

Mr. Wm. S. Culp's coal wagon and horses were snowed in their quarters so completely that it would have taken a week to dig them out, so the wagon was taken apart and brought out to the avenue piece at a time and then put together.

Dr. H. B. Simmons, who came from La Fontaine, Ohio, and knows the full meaning of the term "western blizzard," says that the Maryland article is alright for quality and comes fully up to the western standard. He had seen few worse days than Monday in the wild and wooly west.

Mr. Wilbur Eliason was the first one to come from the country into Chestertown on Tuesday morning. He came in with two mules to a sleigh and was accompanied by two men with shovels to cut through the drifts. He arrived about ten o'clock.

Mr. Walter T. Morris left his place, about two and a half miles from Chestertown at 6.30 o'clock on Tuesday morning and reached Chestertown at 11 o'clock. He had six horses and a number of men to break the track the greater portion of the way.

Purser Allen Harris returned on Saturday from Baltimore, his steamer, the Emma Ford, having been tied up indefinitely by the freeze. Capt. Anthony came home on Friday. All of the Chester River steamers are now frozen in at Baltimore. The Gratitude is on the ways.

Miss Maud Bramble and Prof's. Whittier C. Copper and William Sherwood were snow-bound in Chestertown during the blockade. Mr. Copper started for home on Saturday but was capsized in his sleigh and did not complete the journey. Miss Grace Whaland was also an unwilling visitor in town.

Mr. J. Walter Skirven returned on Saturday from a several weeks visit to friends in New York and Philadelphia. He was in Philadelphia on Friday and states that the cold was intense. Carts were kept going until very late in the night delivering coal to alleviate the distress of the suffering.

Three men who are in Chestertown were wanted in Baltimore on Monday as witnesses in the $10.000 damage case against the Tolchester Company, brought by relatives of the man who walked off Tolchester wharf and was drowned last year. The men telegraphed back that it was impossible to get out of town and were instructed to wait at the station and take the first train.

IN THE CHURCHES.

Presiding Elder Cochran Writes of His Healthful Charges.

Presiding Elder W. F. Corkran writes interestingly of the very satisfactory condition of the spiritual work being done at some of his Kent county charges. He says:

"The work at Millington has been moving on harmoniously this year. Dr. Waddell has impressed the people with his splendid ability as a preacher. Everything will be up by the end of the year. Bro. Jones has won unusual popularity at Crumpton. The ladies have about $150 in hand toward church improvements, and they have much improved the parsonage. The Sunday school is one of the most interesting features of the home church. It has few equals on the District.

"Brother Prettyman's appointment to Galena was a wise move. He has now the hearts of the people and every department of the church is improving. The advanced salary is being paid with unusual promptness and cheerfulness. Galena has gained much religiously and educationally in the removal of Prof. Boyer and family to the town. At the time of my visit to Galena Bro. T. J. Shallcross, an honored and useful official member of Locust Grove, was in a very precarious condition of health, from a terrible carbuncle on the back of his neck, which was the third one in immediate succession, with which he had been afflicted. I trust that his useful life may be spared to the church many years yet.

Golt's has had a prosperous year, especially along revival lines. The most striking illustration of prosperity is at Sassafras where one year ago we had no organization and no service, now we have a membership, all told of about sixty and a congregation of at least one hundred. Bro. Taylor has made for himself a large place in the hearts of the people. His efforts to break up the illicit sale of liquor at Golts should have the hearty support of all decent people. I should like the membership of the church take the lead in such attacks, but where they will not the pastor has no alternative but to lead the fight. The Sassafras people showed their appreciation of the pastor's services by presenting him with a complete set of Matthew Henry's Commentaries. A house has been rented and well furnished for a parsonage.

Rev. W. P. Compton has been invited to return to his Port Deposit charge. Mr. Compton declined the invitation and will be stationed elsewhere after the approaching conference.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

T. R. Hubbard & Son's Announcement of Their Special Goods.

Messrs. T. R. Hubbard & Son come out in this issue with an advertisement of their special brands of fertilizers. They lay considerable stress on their Tomato Goods, and we guess they do sell more goods for this crop than any concern in the State. We have never heard a goods spoken more highly of than their Special Tomato Phosphate. Read their advertisement elsewhere.

R. Bergen announces his line of fine spring goods. All of the new styles in fine spring and summer goods are in stock, but in the meantime some rare bargains in winter goods are being offered.

Keep a watch for some blizzard prices by Miller Brothers, Rock Hall. They will have them for next week.

DIED.

HICKMAN.—Mrs. Annie Harrison Hickman, youngest daughter of the late Col. Samuel Harrison, of near Rolphs wharf, in Queen Anne county, died at the residence of her nephew, W. Harrison Newnam, Saturday, Feb. 4th, 1899, aged 63 years. Interment in the Harrison family burying ground.

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STILL POND, MD.

Hotel Announcement.

[THE HUSTLING YOUNG PROPRIETOR OF THE ARMSTRONG HOUSE.]

I WISH to inform the public that I have rented the recently remodeled and handsomely equipped Chestertown hotel, known as the Armstrong House, formerly conducted by Messrs. Armstrong and Sparks, on East Cross street. The entire house is heated by steam; closets and other conveniences in the building. The rooms are all prettily papered and nicely furnished. The table will be furnished with the best the market affords with especial attention to preparation and service, so that the traveling public need not fear that the splendid standard set by the former proprietors of the house will not be kept up. The entire management will be under the immediate supervision of myself and wife. A pool-table will be conducted in a spacious parlor, and I will also have a raw box in order that the traveling public may at any and all times secure the world-renowned Chesapeake oyster served in the most approved style. In short, the Hotel will be one of the most up-to-date houses on the peninsula and will be conducted with an eye single to the comfort and convenience of my guests and the traveling public.

Soliciting a continuance of the liberal patronage heretofore accorded to the old proprietors, I am very truly,

d15. WILLIAM R. PIPPIN.

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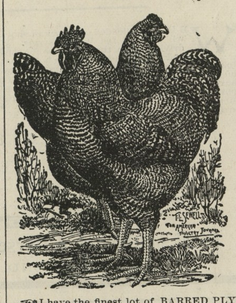

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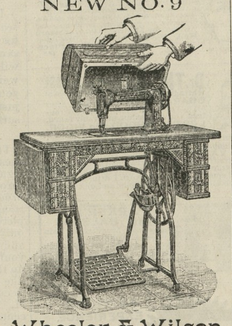

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