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LOCAL MATTERS.

Mr. Urie Sworn In.—States Attorney John D. Urie, was formally sworn into office at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning. Judge Pearce administered the oath. Mr. Urie's bondsmen in the sum of $10,000, are Capt. Daniel Hill and Dr. J. W. Urie.

An Old Paper.—Mr. Jas. W. Skirven, of Baltimore, but well known in Kent, last week sent to the Baltimore Sun a copy of the Ulster County Gazette of date of January 4, 1800. The paper is in mourning because of the death of Gen. George Washington. Mr. Skirven found the paper among the effects of his father, in settling up his estate in 1872.

Joseph N. Wheatley & Co.—On Monday, New Year's day, the old insurance firm of W. H. McFeely & Co., ceased to exist and was succeeded by the new insurance firm of Joseph N. Wheatley & Co. Mr. T. W. Russell, is the "company" of the new firm. Both gentlemen are young, active and popular, and will doubtless make a success of their work.

Fairlee Mill in Operation.—Fairlee mill, rebuilt and greatly improved, commenced operations on Thursday last. This long-established mill property was purchased by Mr. T. H. Topping, and fitted out for the grinding of corn-meal and corn food products exclusively. It is one of the finest plants of the kind on the Eastern Shore. Mr. Topping now owns three of the most valuable milling properties in Kent.

Christmas Week Fires.—A large hanging lamp in the store of Mr. C. M. Hurtt, Millington, fell on a stack of ready-made clothing last week and caused a $300 fire. Mr. Noah Burris and family were left homeless on the day after Christmas day, by a fire which destroyed their dwelling and its contents. Mr. Burris lives on the farm of Mrs. Sallie A. Burris, about five miles from Millington. No one was at home. There was no insurance.

Farmers' Club Meeting.—The Still Pond Farmers' Club members, in spite of cold weather, are discussing matters of interest and importance to the farmers. The following members met at the home of Mr. Joseph W. Harper on Thursday: Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. T. Shafer, Mrs. Jas. S. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill, Mrs. C. Rasin, Miss Laura Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Bowers, Walter Harris, Charles Watts and others. The next meeting will be held at Capt. Daniel Hill's, the last of January.

A Singular Drowning.—Tom Wright, a colored man of Chestertown, lost one of a pair of horses under peculiar circumstances last week. Wright was hauling posts for Mr. William Elburn, from near Goose Hill. In crossing a temporary bridge of poles across a small stream in the branch, the bridge gave way and the horses fell in the stream, one under the other. Every possible effort was made to release the under horse, but long before it could be gotten out, death had resulted from drowning. The animal was valued at sixty-five dollars.

Kicked by His Gun.—Capt. James T Brice was painfully kicked on the nose by his gun, one day last week. The captain had one barrel of his gun heavily charged for wild ducks, and the other barrel lightly loaded for rabbits. He went hunting and meant to fire the small load at a rabbit, but to his surprise both barrels of the gun were discharged at once. The hunter's nose was painfully cut and bruised, and at first he scarcely knew which end of the gun had done the greater execution. He got the rabbit, but the gun got in its fine work also.

Dead in His House.—Tom Barroll, an old colored man well-known about town, was found dead in his house by officer Simpson, on Tuesday afternoon. Barroll, who was between seventy and eighty years old, had been missed since Friday. His house was locked and his neighbors becoming apprehensive notified the officer. The door was broken open and the old man was found lying dead just as he had fallen from his chair and had apparently expired without a struggle. The head and upper portion of the body were partially under his bed. A bushel of coal was found in the house.

The Old Railroad Pier.—The rumored sale of the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad recalls an interesting matter of local history which many of the older citizens have forgotten and but few of the younger poulation ever knew. "The old railroad pier" at Scott's Point, the only remains of which are a number of decaying piles, was built shortly after the opening of the road in 1870. After some delay in securing the right-of-way etween the present station and the river front, trains were run through to the Scott's Point pier. Several heavy shipments of oysters were loaded on cars standing on the wharf. Harris' Round Top farm was then at the zenith of its glory as the greatest peach orchard in existence, and large shipments of peaches were made from the Round Top orchard and loaded on cars on the river front at Chestertown. The published statement that the right-of-way across the lands of Mr. John Gale Usilton was never secured, was in error. The right-of-way was secured, and freight trains passed back and forth over this portion of the track. Whether or not this right-of-way has lapsed by non-user, or lapse of time, is a matter governed entirely by the conditions of the contract under which it was secured.

Queen Anne Won.—The second shoot between Queen Anne and Cecil teams, took place last week, at Sudlersville. The total number of birds shot at was 193 and the number killed was 97. The first event was between half a dozen Queen Anne shooters. A tie between R. Godwin and L. M. Booker, with three kills out of four birds each, and the remaining four averaged one each. The second event was the inter-county team shoot. Queen Anne won. The x means dead out of bounds:

QREEN ANNE TEAM.

J. Godwin	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	1—5
George	1	1	2	0	2	2	1	1	2	2—9
L. Barto	1	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	x	0—5
W. T. Taylor	0	1	0	2	2	2	x	1	1	2—7
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CAROLINE TEAM.

Beauchamp	1	0	x	1	x	2	x	2	2	0—5
Steele	0	1	2	0	0	2	x	0	0	2—4
Berry	1	0	0	2	2	x	1	1	1	1—7
Faulkner	1	0	1	0	x	2	0	1	0	0—4
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The total scores were as follows: J. Godwin, 22 birds, 8 kills, 36⅓ per cent.; W. Taylor, 22 birds, 11 kills, 50 per cent.; J. E. George, 20 birds, 14 kills, 70 per cent.; L. Barto, 25 birds, 15 kills, 60 per cent.; Beauchamp, 10 birds, 5 kills, 50 per cent.; Steele, 19 birds, 11 kills, 58 per cent.; Berry, 18 birds, 8 kills, 58 per cent.; Faulkner, 14 birds, 5 kills, 36 per cent. L. M. Booker killed 8 out of 13, W. Smith 4 out of 8, Longfellow 2 out of 5; Dr. Walls 1 out of 6, Dr. Sudler 4 misses, Mr. Burke 3 out of 4.

Our Game Supply.

The question of increasing our local game supply is one which Kent county gunners are contemplating with much concern. Mr. John Medders, of Kennedyville, one of the best partridge shots in the county, in speaking of the matter several days ago said in subtance,—This has been one of the poorest seasons Kent county gunners have ever known. Of course the blizzard of last winter made severe inroads and greatly depleted our stock birds. The system of buying birds is alright, but in my opinion, it is a mistake to turn the birds loose in a bunch as was done last spring. So far as I can see, none of them mated, and I failed to find any benefits during the past fall from the birds brought to the county. The trouble was that the birds were caught promiscuously, were not mated and upon being turned loose, scattered and failed to mate in time to set and hatch for the past season. I have no doubt that under favorable conditions the benefits of these birds will be felt next year. The pairs should have been kept together long enough to let them become acquainted, as it were. Then too, I am favorable to a one dollar tax upon every man or boy who carries a gun. This amount could be used in the annual purchase of stock birds.

Lodge Officers Elected.

Chester Lodge A. F. and A. M., at its last communication elected the following officers: W. M., J. H. Simpers; Sr. W., Wm. A. Wheatley; Jr. W., L. B. Russell; sec., W. G. Russell; treas., J. H. Sides.

Chestertown Council Jr. O. U. A. M., on Friday night elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Councilor, J. W. Barnes; V. C., W. T. Bennett; rec. sec., J. R. Rollison; ass't. rec. sec., W. C. Benjamin; F. sec., J. A. Russell; treas., J. W. Hirons; con., C. W. Greenley; war., W. F. Blyman; I. S., Frank Truitt; O. S., H. R. Boone; rep. to S. C., Geo. H. Burke; chap., H. M. Wallis.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† The piledriver of Messrs. Crane & Trenchard Bros., went adrift during a recent storm and is beached on the Queen Anne Shore.

† Mr. James Brice severed his connection with the American Strawboard mill as buyer of straw, on last Saturday. Mr. Charles Kibler assumed the duties on Monday.

† Nine fines were imposed for violations of the town ordinance against exploding fireworks in the street. The fines amounted in each case to $1. A number of young men got after Officer Cooper with fireworks and burned his face and clothes.

† Baltimore city's poultry business amounts to $60,000 per month, the year round, which means about seven tons of poultry daily.

† The recent snow brought but two sleighs to Chestertown.

† Mr. T. B. Perkins, who has an extensive business in silks, in Philadelphia, has associated with him Mr. C. C. Brown. Mr. Brown has held a responsible position with Strawbridge & Clothier during the past three years.

† In spite of the cold, good skating was enjoyed on Whaland's mill pond on Saturday.

† Raids on chicken houses are of almost unprecedented frequency. Why not? It only means—Steal, get caught, run county to expense of trial, trip to House of Correction, then comes *Habeas Corpus* and a return to scenes of former glory.

† Rev. Wm. E. Thompson is now assistant postmaster at Centreville.

† It is estimated that four-fifths of the corn crop grown in the vicinity of Chestertown has gone to market.

† Monday was a rough day for those unfortunate enough to have to change their home. Could not our moving day be changed to a more auspicious season?

† Mr. Richard R. Riley, an uncle of Miss Edith Riley, a teacher at Washington College, died in Washington, D. C., on Friday.

† Because of the close of navigation the participants in the "boxing contests" advertised for Tuesday night at Stam's Hall, failed to arrive.

† Capt. J. T. Brice's vessel, loaded with corn, is in the ice in Morgan's creek. This is the only loaded vessel up the river.

† Twenty Washington College students were left at Clayton on Tuesday. The Kent train left ten minutes before the arrival of the train on which were the students. Supt. Stacy sent them down on a special.

† The citizens of Betterton desire that their pretty town shall be incorporated.

† The teams of Mrs. Daniel Hill and Mrs. Bryan, collided and the carriages were badly smashed, as the ladies were returning from church on Thursday night. The ladies were not injured.

† Mr. C. C. Wood drove from the lower end of Eastern Neck Island and caught the 6.30 train Tuesday morning.

† Messrs. Crane & Trenchard Bros. are shipping peach baskets during these biting January days.

† A letter from Capt. W. C. Eliason yesterday, stated that on account of the ice there will be no boat to and from Tolchester to-day.

† Three dredgers, whose boats are frozen in the ice at Oxford, reached Chestertown yesterday. They left Oxford on Sunday to walk around the bay to Baltimore. After resting up they will resume their journey.

CHURCH NOTES.

Union Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, has issued an unanimous call to Rev. C. A. Grise, to return for the second conference year.

There will be memorial services at Christ M. P. Church this (Thursday) evening at 7.30, for D. L. Moody and Dr. J. T. Murray. Public invited. Rev. J. M. Gill, pastor.

Grace Presbyterian Church, of Kennedyville. Sunday school at 1.30 P. M., preaching at 2.30 P. M.

First Presbyterian Church, of Worton, Rev. K. M. Bull, pastor. Song service and preaching at 7 P. M.

Grace Presbyterian Church, through its representatives, Mrs. Daniel Hill and Mrs. Rachel Hill, has presented its pastor, Rev. Kent M. Bull, with a handsome eight-day clock, and his wife with a pair of pretty statuetts.

Enjoyable watch-night services were held at the Chestertown M. E. Church on Sunday night, consisting of song, prayer service, and a short talk by the pastor, Rev. E. C. Sunfield.

Mass was celebrated by Father McSweeny, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, on Sunday night as the old year passed out and the new year came in.

The Christmas carols at Christ M. P. Church on Sunday evening, were enjoyed by a vast congregation.

OBITUARY.

DR. J. THOMAS MURRAY.

Dr. J. Thomas Murray, one of the most prominent members of the Methodist Protestant Church in the Maryland Conference, died at his home in Baltimore, on Friday morning, of pneumonia. During the past few months he has been working steadily on the committee charged with the revision of the ritual and discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church, and his labors resulted in a great strain on his nervous system, as well as bodily fatigue, making him more than usually susceptible to the disease.

Rev. Dr. Murray was born February 19, 1830, at Hagerstown, Md.

His eloquence and zeal were felt in Chestertown during three conference years in the sixties. He was at one time editor of the *Methodist Protestant*, the official organ of the Methodist Protestant Church in Maryland; was president of the general conference, and during his long career of usefulness, filled many of the most prominent charges of his church.

He had three children—Mrs. Mary Norris, wife of William Norris, of Baltimore; Mrs. Fannie T. Benson, wife of Rev. F. T. Benson, of Centreville, Md., and Thomas A. Murray, of the Baltimore bar, who married a daughter of Dr. J. W. Hering, Comptroller-elect.

Around Dr. Murray's bedside there were gathered his brother, Rev. Dr. John J. Murray, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Rev. Dr. S. Reese Murray, pastor of Wesley Chapel, of Baltimore, and Dr. J. W. Hering.

THORNTON FIDDIS.

Mr. Thornton Fiddis, died suddenly on Thursday last. Mr. Fiddis was taken ill in the store of Moody & Lusby on Thursday morning. He was at once removed and Dr. C. W. Whaland summoned, but the patient continued to grow worse until the end came in the early evening. The deceased was a son of Andrew Fiddis, of Baltimore. Levi Fiddis, of Baltimore, and Fid Fiddis, of this county, are his brothers. He was 62 years of age. Interment was made in Chester Cemetery, Rev. J. M. Gill, officiating. The bearers were: J. W. Lambert, G. E. Lambert, S. F. Smith and J. H. Howard. J. N. Dodd, undertaker.

MRS. RACHEL L. LANE.

Mrs. Rachel L. Lane, daughter of Capt. Perry Biggs, died at her home in Baltimore, on Thursday, of acute Brights Disease, aged 23 years and 10 months. The remains were brought to Chestertown by steamer on Saturday and interred in Chester Cemetery. Rev. J. M. Gill, conducted the services. Scarce more than a year ago Mrs. Lane left Kent county a bride.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Wm. E. Trenchard, of Chestertown, whose wife had been on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. George, drove over and spent Christmas. He was accompanied by his brother and business partner, Thos. E. Trenchard.—*St. Michaels Comet.*

Mr. T. B. Perkins, of Philadelphia, is visiting Kent county friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Perkins, Jr., and interesting children, of Philadelphia, are guests at the home of Mrs. Perkins' mother, Mrs. Thomas, on Washington avenue.

Dr. C. P. Gilpin spent last week in Elkton.

T. Ireland Elliott, Esq, of Baltimore, is the guest of Hon. H. W. Vickers.

Mr. George N. Davis, of Laurel, is the guest of Mr. George Vickers, at Lauretum Place.

Miss Mamie Todd, of Baltimore, has been the guest of Miss Katie Trew, near Pomona.

Mr. C. Shannon York, is enjoying a short holiday at the home of his parents, in Baltimore.

The condition of Mr. Arthur Bradley, who is suffering with peritonitis, continues unchanged. His many friends anxiously hope for his early recovery.

Prof. Will Mack Reiche, of Va., and Miss Carrie Reiche, of Baltimore, have been guests at the home of their brother, Mr. C. J. Reiche, the past week.

Mrs. H. B. Simmons is in attendance at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Jackson, who is reported quite sick at her home in Havre de Grace.

Prof. S. Walter Sparks, of Pocomoke City, spent several days in town last week the guest of his brother, Mr. A. L. Sparks.

Mr. Thomas Dyott, of Pocomoke City, spent the holidays with his grandfather, Gen. John Bordley.

Miss M. Julia Thompson, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her brother, Mr. Jacob F. Thompson.

Mr. Robert J. Nicholson, of Baltimore, spent last week at the home of his father, near town.

Miss Idela Francis Buss, of Crumpton, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Sparks, last week.

Mr. John Armstrong, of Elkton, spent several days last week the guest of Mr. Josiah Massey, near town.

Geo. P. Spates, Esq., of Baltimore, spent several days last week the guest of Mr. Jeff. D. Bacchus.

Miss Ollie Wallen, of Queen Anne, is visiting at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Jonathan Anthony, High St.

Mr. Harry Bramble fell on the ice at the basket factory, Monday morning, and received an ugly gash on his forehead.

CHESTERVILLE NOTES.

Mrs. Chas. Cranor, whose protracted illness has been before noted in your columns, died at her home on Monday, 1st inst., and will be buried at Shrewsbury Wednesday. She was a worthy christian lady. Mr. Frank Cranor, of Wilmington, Del., and Mrs. Jno. L. Byrom, of Middletown, Del., are the surviving children.

The members of Rev. J. E. Wilson's church and his friends have presented him with a very handsome lap-robe. He would have everybody robed in righteousness.

Mr. John Comegys, of near Blacks, was fortunate in finding his eighteen beautiful shoats sheltering themselves in a neighboring branch, and not having been stolen as he supposed.

Miss Florence Gale spent her Xmas holidays with friends in Baltimore.

Miss Ethel Solloway has been on a visit to her friend, Mr. W. T. Miller, of near Hepbron Station.

Mrs. S. E. T. Startt, of Lankford, has moved into her residence in this place. Mr. Frank Lofland, who has been occupying her house moves into Mr. W. E. Jarrell's, vacated by Mr. E. G. King. Mr. Chas. Wallace has moved to his father's farm, near Millington. Mr. Wm. Pennington and son Wash, take the house vacated by Mr. Wallace. Mr. Chas. Spry has moved on a farm near Godwin's mill, in Queen Anne.

Mrs. E. A. Crittenden received a pleasant call on Wednesday, the 27th ult., from her friends, Mrs. W. F. Melvin and Mrs. J. W. Stephenson.

The thermometer has not gone down as an old colored man once said, to hero, but it is cold enough for most of us with the mercury at 16 below freezing.

There was a large attendance on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the marriage of a Mr. Stevens, near Millington, and a Miss Woodall, which took place in the church here, Rev. J. E. Wilson officiating. Not being acquainted with any of the contracting parties, and not being present on the occasion, we can furnish no particulars. OCCASIONAL.

SOCIETY'S WHIRL.

The Christmas Dance a Brilliant Success—Other Social Matters.

The Christmas dance of 1899 was one of the most brilliant and delightful social functions of many seasons in Chestertown.

The beautiful selections by Webber's orchestra of six pieces, were carefully chosen and rendered with a precision of time and technique inspiring to the dancers. The floor was ideal in every respect, and on no previous occasion had Stam's Hall been so effectively lighted. Twenty-five thirty-two candle-power electric bulbs shed a flood of mellow light upon the scene which brought out the beauty of the ladies and their costumes with splendid effect. The trimming of the hall was in perfect taste. Graceful festoons of evergreens reached from the four corners of the room, meeting at the centre. The walls were tastefully decorated with American flags and festoons of evergreen; the steps approaching the stage were transformed into a scene of unusual beauty by the use of rich rugs, cushions and pillows upon which the gay dancers formed many bewitching tableaux "between the dances." Potted plants gave variety and charm to the scene—but it were useless to try to picture the beauty of the occasion.

A most pleasant feature of the musical program, was the leading of the orchestra by Miss Sophie Beck, the talented daughter of Treasurer Jas. L. Beck, in an "extra." Miss Beck is a student at the Peabody Institute, Baltimore, and possesses rare musical accomplishments.

An elegant supper of salads, olives, bread, butter, celery and coffee was served during the dance, commencing at at 10.30 o'clock.

The patronesses were Mrs. James A. Pearce, Mrs. W. Frank Hines, Mrs. R. D. Hynson, Mrs. George Brice and Mrs J. R. Micou.

The floor committee were Messrs. Thomas Perkins, L. W. Wickes, Joseph Brice, George Vickers, Thomas G. Trenchard.

Among the ladies present were: Mrs. James A. Pearce, black silk and lace; Mrs. W. Frank Hines, black evening dress trimmed with white lace; Mrs. George Brice, white satin; Mrs. R. D. Hynson, white silk and spangled net, diamond ornaments; Misses Ridie Knight, white point de sprit over yellow; Reba Knight, white organdie; Alexine Solomon, pink brocade trimmed with mink; Maude Newnam, pink organdie; Lillian Ward, white chiffon over white satin; Grace Solomon, pink organdie; Louise Harris, white silk mull; Sophie Beck, white organdie; Jennie Vickers, white organdie, diamond ornaments; Neva Newnam, blue organdie; Bessie Robertson, white organdie over pink; Miss Roberts, pink satin; Julia Whiteley, yellow silk; Mary Hopper, white organdie over green; Minnie Massey, white bengaline; Sallie Beck, pink organdie; Beulah Winter, white satin draped with chiffon; Stella Jarman, lilac organdie; Mrs. Dr. Selby, pink organdie; Sallie Finley, black net over cerise; May Green, white organdie over pink; Cora Emory, white organdie; Mary Rodgers, black satin, pearl ornaments; Rose Comegys, black crepe de chine; Bertie Beck, white organdie; Olevia Wilkins, black silk; Grace Whaland, black satin; Beulah Hayes, white organdie; Anna Foxwell, white organdie; Mrs. James G. Beck, gray silk; Miss Edson, white silk; Anna Willson, red crepe de chine; Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, black silk skirt yellow waist; Rebecca Wickes, black silk; Emma Beck, black satin and lace; Mrs. P. A. M. Brooks, black silk skirt lavender waist; Helen Wilkins, white organdie, pink trimmings; Nannie Commegys, white organdie and black footing; May Morgan, white organdie over blue.

Other ladies were: Mrs. Curtis E. Crane, Mrs. William Trenchard, Mrs. Alan Harris, Mrs. George W. Smith Misses Nannie Brice, Mettie Loud, Fannie Edwards, May Ireland, Anna B. Smith, Mrs. James L. Beck, Mrs. Charles Skirven, Mrs. Thomas Blackiston, Misses Eva and Nan Comegys and Jennie Hines.

The gentlemen were: Henry Summers, G. N. Davis, E. N. Sappington, J. G. Bunting.

Chestertown—Judge James A. Pearce, Dr. W. Frank Hines, Dr. C. W. Whaland, Hope H. Barroll, R. D. Hynson, George Brice, Curtis E. Crane, Jas. G. Beck, C. C. Hopper, Wm. Trenchard, Alan A Harris, Harry Rickey, George and Harrison Vickers, Thos. Massey, Turbert and Samuel Greenwood, W. W. Beck, L. W. Wickes, E. F. Perkins, Jr., Jos. Brice, Ambrose Carroll, H. M. Brown, Thos. W. Perkins, Henry Deaver, Frank B. Hines, Nowland Wilkins, C. H. B. Massey, Geo. Perkins, M. deK. Smith, Jr., Thomas G. Trenchard, R. Snowden Thomas, Dr. C. P. Gilpin, D. Arthur Bacchus, Eldridge, John and Wilbur Eliason, M. deK. Smith, Theo. E. Hayes, Geo. W. Smith, P. B. Hollis, Dr. H. L. Dodd.

Kent County—Dr. W. O. Selby, James L. Beck, Chas. Skirven, E. T. Massey, Scott Beck, William Maslin, Chas. Jessop, Thos. Wallis, Bennett Wilson, Page and Ellwood Strong, Clarence and Paul Comegys, Robt. C. Morgan, Unit Horsey, Dennis McCauley, Andrew Wilson, W. A. Hyland, Jr., Whitaker, Unit Rasin, Jesse E. Ireland, James Foard.

Queen Anne—Messrs. Briarley, Dudley, Reeder, James and William Earle.

Greensborough—Dr. Fred Malone, Messrs. Alan and Winder Goldsborough

A charming house-party was enjoyed at the home of Capt. R. S. Emory, during the holidays. Miss Holbrook and the Misses Russell, of Baltimore; the Misses Fannie, Grace and Jennie Wilkins, Mr. T. B. Perkins, of Philadelphia; Mr. James Russell, of Baltimore, and Mr. Robert Emory, were entertained on Thursday evening.

The Misses Vickers entertained a number of friends on Friday evening at their home, Lauretum Place, in honor of their guests, Miss Julia Whitely, of Baltimore, and Miss Mary Constable, of Elkton. Those present were: Misses Julia Whiteley, Ridie Knight, Reba Knight, Mary Constable, Alexine Solomon, Beulah Hayes, Mary Rogers, Sallie Beck, Mary Hopper; Messrs. Harry Rickey, Wilbur Eliason, Eldridge Eliason, John Eliason, Frank Hines, Mr. Grason, E. N. Sappington, J. G. Bunting, Lewin Wickes, W. W. Beck, Horace Constable, G. N. Davis, Rudolph Stam, George Perkins

Messrs. Lewin W. Wickes, William W. Beck and Frank Hines, attended the pleasant dance given by the young men of Centreville on Wednesday evening of last week.

Hope H. Barroll, Esq, extended an extremely pleasant informal reception to a number of friends who called at his home on Monday afternoon.

Those from Chestertown who attended the pleasant dance given by the young men of Church Hill, on Monday night were: Misses Minnie Massey, Sophie Beck, Mary Beck, Sallie Beck, Grace Whaland, Beulah Hayes, Jennie Vickers, Alexine Solomon, Bessie Robertson, Lillie Ward and Julia Whiteley, and Messrs. Joseph Brice, L. W. Wickes, W. W. Beck, Henry Deaver, Frank Hines, George Vickers, E. N. Sappington, C. H. B. Massey, T. G. Trenchard, Turbert and Samuel Greenwood, Ambrose Carroll, John Toulson and H. B. Constable. The Baltimore musicians who were expected, missed the train, and the ladies very generously furnished fine piano music for the dance. The Chestertown ladies and gentlemen reached home about four o'clock in the morning.

The young ladies and gentlemen of Millington will give a dance in honor of their friends, on the evening of Tuesday, January 9th.

Miss Eva Valerie Beauchamp gave a delightful party to her host of friends, at the home of Mr. J. Frank Connelly, Front street, on Monday evening. Dancing and other pleasures were enjoyed by the guests present. Refreshments were served during the evening. Among those to extend best wishes for a joyous new year to mine hostess, were: Misses Ethie and Eloise Ringgold, Florence Beck, Bessie Westcott, Dovie Connelly, Elizabeth and Frank Connelly, Mary Whaland, Emma France; Messrs. Henry Beck, Hubert Ringgold, William Greenwood, Paul Wilkins, Dave Connelly and Kennard Aldridge.

A delightful dance was given by a number of young men of Betterton, on Thursday, in the parlors of the Chesapeake House. Among those present were: Chestertown—Misses Elsye Fallowfield and Florence Green, Messrs. Elwood Baker and Howard Owens. Betterton—Mr. and Mrs. Medford Crew, Misses Lillie Crownhart, Lillie Trott, Katie and Elsie Crew, Minnie Jester, Bertie and Daisy Herbert; Messrs. Wm. Turner, Wm. Wheeler, Wm. Fields, Geo. Crew, John Owens, John Jester, Walter Crew, Wm. Leverson and several others. Prof. Vatta and brother afforded sweet music on Italian harp and violin. Coffee and cake were served during the intermission.

NAVIGATION CLOSED.

All the Kent County Steamers Laid Off Because of Heavy Ice—Some Amusing Incidents.

With the Monday's trips of the Emma A. Ford from Chestertown to Baltimore and the B. S. Ford from Baltimore to Rock Hall and return, all water communication with the outside world closed until the present ice embargo shall have broken.

The Emma Ford on her trip from Baltimore to Chestertown on Saturday encountered four-inch ice in Queenstown creek. It required fully twenty minutes to turn the steamer after having made her wharf. The next heavy ice was about two and a half inches thick, near Rolph's wharf. Contrary to general expectation Capt. Wm. Taylor remained at Chestertown and started on his regular trip for Baltimore on Monday morning. Heavy ice was met with until near the mouth of the river. Instead of nine minutes, eighteen minutes were required for the Ford to make the run from her Chestertown wharf past Emory's wharf. Off Wilkins wharf the ice was very heavy. The steamer was forced to butt into the solid ice field before she could make any headway whatever.

The steamer B. S. Ford left Baltimore on Monday morning for Centreville via Rock Hall. A vast ice field was encountered stretching far out into the bay across Swan Point. A battle royal took place from the end of Swan Point into Rock Hall The ice was clear and strong and about four inches thick. It was at one time feared that Rock Hall would not be reached at all, but the steamer finally succeeded in landing her passengers and freight. She afterward tried Chester river but finally gave up the battle and returned to Baltimore. A number of Rock Hall skaters surrounded the Ford, skating within a few yards of her bow as she battled with the ice. Some of the passengers, fearing that the steamer would not reach the wharf, went so far as to engage passage to the shore on the sleds being pushed by some of the skaters.

A telegram was received in Chestertown at about 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, stating that the Chester river steamers would make no effort to force their way through the Chester river ice-fields.

Reports from the upper bay and Susquehanna river on Friday were that the ice had already begun to form, and promised to retard navigation in a few days. Ice was solid from Turkey Point to Howell's Point, and a tow of barges bound down from Chesapeake City, would not risk cutting through.

For the second time in fifteen years, the Chester river steamer at Chestertown, was forced to start eighteen minutes late because of heavy freights on the wharf. While a number of hogs were being loaded, a large coop containing about fifteen small pigs (roasters) burst open, and the little fellows scampered in every direction in the midst of a host of boys and men. All the pigs were caught and safely shipped.

A gentleman rushed down to the Emma Ford's wharf on Monday morning fully twenty minutes before the steamer left her wharf, and just as he reached the gang planks, his feet went into the air.

The venerable J. B. Merritt, D. D., walked from Worton Station to Chestertown through the snow-storm of Monday morning. He left home at 6.30 o'clock. Mr. Merritt gave no evidences of fatigue, and treated the matter as in no way a remarkable performance.

FROM WORTON.

Removals—Visitor—Death—Entertainment, Etc.

There were a great many changes in this village on New Years day. Mr. John A. Duyer moved into his newly purchased property near the school house. Mrs. Crew moved to Smithville; Mr. Geo. Meekins takes the house vacated by Mr. Crew. Mrs. Murray moved into her new home near the creamery, as also does Mr. Chas. Mitchell. Mr. Wm. Ivens moved from Kennard's Point to the farm tenanted by his son, Charles. Mr. William Lynch moved on the farm of Mr. G. T. Williams.

Death came into our midst on last Thursday evening and called one of our oldest citizens, Mr. Perry Gears, to his last resting place. He had been a great sufferer for some time, and death came as a sure relief. Funeral services were held from the residence of his son on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. B. Merritt. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Wm. Dand, John W. Carter, John A. and Joseph Duyer, John and Otho Fogwell. He leaves six children, four sons and two daughters: Noble, Samuel, James, Joseph, Mrs. Clay Usilton and Mrs. Nelie Johnson.

Miss Josie Porter, of near Worton Manor Beach, has been visiting Miss Bessie Nicols.

Mr. Warner Thomas has been visiting at the home of Mr. Wm. D. Carter.

Mr. Isaac Duyer, who is employed in the store of Strong & Co., in Wilmington, spent Christmas with his parents.

Miss Agnes Newcomb has been visiting Miss Blanche Duyer.

Miss Georgia Porter, of Boston, Mass., spent Christmas with relatives around the village.

Miss Bessie Ivens has been the guest of Mrs. Nellie Ivens.

The entertainment and treat held in the Presbyterian Church on last Thursday evening, was exceptionally fine. A full account will be given next week.

Miss Cora Jewell, of Chestertown, has been the guest of her cousin, Miss Florence Jewell, near this place.

Miss Margie Cooper has been visiting Mrs. Annie Crow, near Fairlee.

Miss Lou Jewell, of Baltimore, is visiting her parents, near here. MADGE.

MATRIMONIAL.

Happy Brides and Bride-grooms Start With the New Year.

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POTE—MCKNETT.

Out of the gray and cold of a winter's morning into the light and warmth of the Methodist Protestant Church at Kennedyville, and up the aisle to the strains of the sweet and joyous wedding march, divinely played, yesterday morning, walked Mr. William O. Pote and Miss Blanche McKnett, and at 7.15 o'clock the happy couple were pronounced one. The well-spoken "I will" to the question "Wilt thou William?" and "Wilt thou Blanche?" was distinctly heard by the large audience present, who came to attest the esteem and respect in which the bride and bride-groom are held by the people of the community. After the ceremony they took the waiting train, and if the days of their new life be as the grains of rice that were thrown, and their happiness as the well wishes that were given them, in the end their life will be crowned with joy. May God give them His richest gifts of love, friendship and happiness, and as each day of the new life upon which they have entered shall end, may they say each to the other, "This is still our wedding day, when hopes are bright." After an extended trip Mr. and Mrs. Pote will be at their Kennedyville home.

MASSEY—COOPER.

A pretty home-wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Cooper, a few minutes before six o'clock yesterday morning. The happy couple were Mr. Norman P. Massey, of New York, and Miss Annie B. Cooper. The marriage was very quiet. Rev. Kent M. Bull, officiated. The bride wore a handsome suit of mode broadcloth, coat suit, hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Massey took the morning train for their home in New York, where Mr. Massey is in business.

CREW—ANDRAE.

Mr. George R. Crew, one of the popular proprietors of the New Chesapeake House, Betterton, and Miss Mary Andrae, of Baltimore, were married yesterday morning at the home of the bride, on North Broadway, Baltimore. Only the immediate families and a few intimate friends were present at the ceremony. No cards were issued.

LONG—SENEY.

Mr. Charles E. Long, of Worton, and Miss Maggie E. Seney, were married at the home of the bride's parents, at Kennedyville, yesterday evening.

THORNLEY—MCINTYRE.

The wedding of Mr. Raymond Thornley, of Sassafras, and Miss Rosa McIntyre, of Galena, took place yesterday evening.

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SCHOFIELD—CROWDING.

A very pretty wedding took place in Still Pond M. E. Church last Wednesday evening the contracting parties being Miss Ida May, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Crowding, and Mr. J. B. Schofield, Jr. At the appointed hour, seven-thirty o'clock, the bridal party entered the church to the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march played by Mrs. T. S. Dodd. First came the ushers, Mr. Edward Schofield, brother of the groom; Mr. Eugene Parson, of Summit Bridge; Mr. Andrew Wilson, of Fredricktown; Mr. Holton Woodall, Georgetown, and Jessie Ireland, Galena. Then came the bridesmaids, Misses Sallie Jones, Della Ford and May Hackett, of Still Pond; after them the bridal couple, who were met at the altar by Rev. E. P. Roberts, pastor of Still Pond M. E. Church, who pronounced them man and wife. The bride wore white silk with pearl trimmings, and carried a lovely bouquet of bride's roses. The bridesmaids wore white organdie and carried carnations. The groom wore the conventional black. The ushers wore white gloves with boutonnieres. A reception followed at the residence of the bride's parents. They received numerous and costly presents.

WITH THE HORSEMEN.

Fine Records of Maryland Horses Abroad.

Victor B., the fine Kent county mare sold several years ago for $1,500, by Mr. George W. Stevens, of Worton, has continued to win laurels in Russia. The former Kent county trotter won money in each and every race in which she was entered during 1899.

In referring to high-priced Kent county horses, a prominet local horseman stated on Monday that Victor's was the highest price ever paid in Kent for a horse. We are reliably informed that Mr. Edgar Strong sold his fine horse, Captain Jack, some years ago to "Doc" Slater, the noted Baltimore Gambler, for $4,500.

Col. Kruser, the trotting stallion once owned in Baltimore city, is now the sensation of Europe. The Russian government has offered $10,000 for his services for one year. Kruser was sold to Victor Silberer, of Viena, Austria, for $6,000.

STILL POND NOTES.

Miss Lillie Casey, of Philadelphia, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. I. Norton Kelley (nee Robinson) is visiting at the parental home.

Miss Edith Sparks and brother, Dudley, of Greensboro, are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Crossley.

Mr. Thomas E. Norris, our genial postmaster, has been confined to his house for several days with a deep cold but we are glad to state is much improved.

Those who have ice houses are busily engaged in filling same with five inch ice.

A regular meeting of the Still Pond Conclave No. 616 Improved Order Heptasophs, last Wednesday evening elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Archon, Edw. W. Hepbron; provost, Wm. W. Rasin; prelate, Wm. H. Krusen; secretary, W. C. Copper; financier, Joseph H. Clark; treasurer, Andrew J. Hackett; inspector, Lemuel A. Hickman; warden, John T. Moffett; sentinel, Edward W. Ford; trustees, Wm. Parr, Robert A. Bowers and Samuel Mann.

Edward W. Hepbron, Wm. H. Krusen, W. C. Copper, were appointed the auditing committee. The installation of the above officers will take place Wednesday, Jan. 3d, con