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LOCAL MATTERS.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE.

John H. Clendaniel—Fine lot personalty—Friday, Feb. 16.

R. D. Hynson, attorney—House and lot in Chestertown—Tuesday, Jan. 30th.

R. D. Hynson, trustee—Dwelling and lot of land on road from Fairlee to Tolchester—Tuesday, Jan. 30.

R. D. Hynson, mortgagee—House and lot of land in Kennedyville—Tuesday, Jan. 30.

Hope H. Barroll, trustee—Dwellings and building lots in Rock Hall—Saturday, Feb. 3.

John C. Davis, sheriff—House and lot of land of David E. Joiner in Fifth district—Tuesday, Jan. 30.

A Gunning Trip—Mr Curtis E. Crane, of the firm of Crane & Trenchard Bros., of Chestertown, left last week for a ten days gunning trip in North Carolina. Mr. Crane accompanied Mr. T. P. Lassell, of Baltimore. The gentlemen will be entertained by Mr. Lassell's uncle, Mr. T. C. Sanderson, in Currituck county.

Marriages of a Week.—The following marriage licenses have been issued by Clerk James T. Dixon since our last issue: White—John T. Newsome and Beulah F. Meeks. George B. Moffett and May Maslin, B. Frank Shinn and Sarah Rebecca Hendrickson. Colored—Charles C. Phillips and Alphonsa Barlow, Alexander Thompson and Cassie Jones.

Took Them All.—For the third time this winter, thieves invaded Mrs. Josiah Massey's poultry house on Thursday night. Four turkeys and a large number of chickens remained from the former incursions. The only turkey left from Thursday night is one which is totally blind. About forty chickens were taken. After securing the poultry the thieves broke into the corn crib and secured enough corn to feed the poultry on. The thieves were tracked to Chestertown.

New Insurance Company.—It is reliably stated that a number of Chestertown business men, are considering the organization of a fire insurance company with local capital. The capitalization is to be $50,000. The idea is to do a general fire insurance business throughout the State, with the home office at Chestertown. The matter is now being considered and investigated, and if results of the investigation are favorable, subscription books will be opened at an early date.

A Nut for Teachers to Crack—During the past two weeks Chestertown mathematicians have been figuring and arguing relative to the following proposition: "If a man borrow $10,000, interest payable annually, what would be an annual payment which would liquidate both principal and interest in *ten equal* installments?" Some local authorities have declared that it cannot be done by any known arithmetical rule, while others have solved the difficult little problem. Who will send the correct solution?

Decoyed the Geese.—Messrs. Wm. E. Moody and W. C. A. Thompson both have fine specimens of wild geese which they use as decoys. On Saturday afternoon Mr. Moody's geese were in his back yard when two wild geese flew over. The domesticated geese set up a mighty chatter which was promptly responded to by their wild friends. The wild geese made a circle of Mr. Moody's home twice, settling so near to the ground as they sailed past that they could have been struck with an angle rod. This is the second time this season that wild geese have decoyed to the geese in Mr. Moody's yard, and Mr. Thompson had a similar experience last winter.

What "B M." Means.—Along the roadside in different sections of the county, and on the Court House, in Chestertown, are found the letters "B. M." together with several figures. Queries having been made of the Transcript to explain the meaning of the letters, Prof. William B. Clark, State Geologist, was written to and has very kindly furnished the following explanation:—"I am in receipt of your letter of the twenty-second instant regarding the marking of the letters B. M. at different places about Kent county. The letters B. M. stand for "Bench Mark" and indicate the points of permanent record of elevations, upon which our forthcoming topographic maps are based. The records of these marks are kept in the archives of the survey and can be secured by county surveyors and others who wish to run lines of elevations from the B. M. as a base.

LITTLE LOCALS.

| Fifty-five electric lights have been placed in the Scott's Point basket factory of Messrs. Crane & Trenchard Bros.

| Thieves invaded the hennery of Mr. J. A. Money last week.

| Murray, the prize fighter, who after having won recently, had the decision given against him, was the catcher on the Washington College base-ball team several years ago.

| T. Bond Brown, the jovial heavyweight agent of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, while on his way from Chestertown, made a narrow escape by falling down a flight of steps at Clayton, on Saturday.

| Messrs. J. H. Clendaniel and Harry Rawley report fine sport gunning in North Carolina. They bagged 81 birds in parts of three days. Bad weather interferred with the sport.

| The first dance in the new hall at Rock Hall, will be held in the near future.

| 2500 bushels of oyster shells have been placed on Chestertown's driveways.

| It is authoritatively given out that the Queen Anne Railroad Company will run the steamer Endeavor to Chestertown, during the coming summer, to connect with train at Queenstown for Reho both.

| Judge Pearce presided at the nonjury term of the Queen Anne county court on Monday. H. H. Barroll, Esq., argued a case before the court on that day.

| That veteran trainer, J. B. Pennington, will train on the Tolchester track during the coming season.

| Tomato prices for the approaching season are being considered. One packer on the shore has already contracted.

| Residents of Crumpton are indignant at the diphtheria reports which have been given currency. The town had three cases but the situation was exaggerated.

| Rock Hall experienced a shock last week, but it was not an earthquake. The firing of the big guns on the Patapsco sets the Rock Hall pans and kettles to shaking.

| Mr. Frank A. Emory, of Queen Anne, has a hen which amuses herself laying snake shaped eggs.

| The Ericsson Line steamer, Anthony Groves, with passengers and freight, grounded in the Delaware river last week during a dense fog. No damage was done to either vessel or cargo.

| W. R. Cochran and Thos. Craven returned to Middletown from North Carolina on Saturday, bringing 250 birds and three wild turkeys.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Mr. Thomas Wallis, of Kent has accepted a position with Mr. H. E. Perry, the leading groceryman of Queenstown.

Mr. Watson Spear, is home from Colorado. Mr. Spear and his brother, Mr. John Spear, are on a ranch about forty miles from Colorado Springs and are doing well.

Mr. J. H. Ruth, of Eastern Neck Island, was in Chestertown on Tuesday exhibiting the "Best" lamp for which he is agent. The light is as near perfection as can be gotten. It possesses all of the penetrating brilliancy of the electric light, and is at the same time a mellow, pleasant white to the eyes. A number of business men examined the "Best" lamp, which Mr. Ruth is selling and pronounced it the "perfection of light."

Mr. Samuel Emory, of Centreville, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. W. F. Hines, Front street.

Mrs. James A. Pearce attended the reception of Mrs. Smith, at the State House, Annapolis, on Thursday.

Miss Grace Dyer, of Princess Anne, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. James Chilcutt, on High street.

Ex-Judge Joseph A. Wickes and family are spending some weeks at the St. James Hotel, Baltimore.

Miss Anna Willson, of Rock Hall, is the guest of Miss Gladys Morrison, 1769 Madison avenue, Baltimore.

Mr. Arthur Bradley, who has been so ill, continues to improve.

Miss Sallye Beck entertained her friends delightfully at a whist party on Tuesday night.

The local paper at Moorefield, West Virginia, declares that the Christmas entertainment by the pupils of Moorefield Academy, of which Prof. W. Mack Reiche is principal, reflected great credit upon Prof. Reiche as a teacher and elocutionist. Mr. Reiche is a Chestertown boy who is doing a fine educational work.

A jolly crawd of mid-winter pleasure seekers visited the bachelor home of Mr. Thomas Massey, near town, on Monday evening. The four-horse peach wagon of Mr. Wilbur Eliason, Jr., served as an impromptu trolly for the guests. An elegant banquet followed a delightful dance. The occasion was a brilliant success. Among those who were present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hynson, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Beck Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Trenchard, Mrs. A. A. Harris, Misses Minnie Massey, Sallie Beck, Hallie Westcott, Olevia Wilkins, Beulah Hayes, Beulah Winter, Cora Massey, Mabel Graham, May Jones, Jennie Hines, Grace Wilkins, Nannie Brice, Emma Beck; Messrs. Wilbur Eliason, Jr., Eben F. Perkins, Jr., L. W. Wickes, T. W. Perkins, W. W. Beck, Samuel Greenwood, W. A. Carroll, Jack G. Westcott, J. A. Thomas, Dr. H. L. Dodd, Henry Deaver, Dr. C. P. Gilpin and a host of others.

The sixty-third birthday anniversary of Commodore P. T. McConnor, of the Chester River Steamboat Company, was pleasantly remembered by a number of gentlemen on Friday evening. The visitors took the veteran steamboat captain by surprise at his home. An elegant supper was enjoyed. Those present were: President George Warfield, Capt. John Clarke, Capt. John Anthony, F. S. Benner, W. H. Busch, Jas. B. Brady, W. J. Parvis, Frank Ford, Robert Fryer, A. A. Harris.

Announcement is made of the wedding on February 14th, of Mr. Arthur Clark Hurlock, of Chestertown, and Miss Alice Parker Walters, of Hyland town. The ceremony will take place in St. Mark's Church, Hylandtown.

The young men will give a dance in the new town hall at Rock Hall, on Friday evening, February 2d. Committee, Dr. T. B. Willson, J. T. DeCorse, T. W. Trew. Patronesses, Mrs. John Brice, Jr., Mrs. J. T. DeCorse, Mrs. Dr. T. B. Willson, Mrs. E. H. W. Camp.

MISS ACKERMAN'S LECTURE.

The Most Travelled Woman in the World—is a Speaker, Graceful, Eloquent and Impressive.

The large audiences who heard Miss Ackerman at Stam's Hall, on Thursday night and at the M. E. Church last night, were charmed not less by the merit of the address than by the ease and grace of the speaker. Miss Ackerman was sent on her long and arduous journeys covering 300,000 miles, by the W. C. T. U. which she earnestly declares to be the greatest philanthropic organization the world has ever known. She has visited fifty countries, but confined her Thursday evenings lecture to experiences in Iceland. She has twice circumnavigated the globe, and has taken seventy-six sea voyages. The Icelanders are an exceedingly polite people and Miss Ackerman declares them the most thoroughly educated people in the world. They are known as the Frenchmen of the North. The continued glare of the sun for months at a time was described by Miss Ackerman as awfully depressing. The home life of the people was described as ideal. The humblest people speak from three to five languages, while some speak as many as seventeen languages. There are three national poets. The greatest need in America she declared, is a home life which will allow husband and wife to become better acquainted. She has studied the home life of different peoples in 2300 homes. There is but one policeman in all Iceland and not a single jail.

The address last night treated most interestingly of South Africa, the scene of the present great strug le between the South African Republic with President Kruger in the executive chair, and England. Miss Ackerman interviewed President Kruger on several occasions. She employed an interpreter, who was General Joubert, now the commander-in-chief of the Boer forces. She holds Cecil Rhodes responsible for the present deplorable condition of affairs in the Transvaal.

Miss Anne Wrothwell Stewart, who entertained Miss Ackerman during her visit, invited a number of friends to meet her at dinner yesterday.

METHODISTS NOT PLEASED.

A Delaware Law Which is Creating Much Comment in the Conference.

An article in a recent issue of the *Peninsula Methodist* over the signature of Rev. W. F. Corkran, has created widespread comment. The article refers to a new mode of electing church trustees. The law was passed by the last Delaware Legislature. The change, it is claimed, places undue power in the hands of the pastor of the church, since it enables him to nominate the trustees, stewards, class-leaders and other officials, and in this way perpetuate himself ia a desirable charge.

A prominent Chestertown Methodist, in referring to the matter several days ago, said: "This is a Delaware law, but it is calculated to give trouble. It savors very much of the church politician; the layman is rather ignored than consulted under the provision which enables the preacher to nominate whom he wants and they in turn to see to it that the pastor keeps a pleasant berth."

Dr. Corkran considers the change a good one, but many laymen, it is expected, will not agree with him.

County Commissioners.

The county commissioners were in session on Tuesday, with full board present. The following business was transacted and accounts passed:

John Murphy & Co., books for Clerk of the Court	$56 70
Order for stamps and postals	5 00
Tilghman Shafer, wit. fees	7 00
Geo. W. Dill, con'st fees	8 25
J. W. Wright, J. P. fees	38 50
J. K. Aldridge & Co., hardware for bridge	51 47
T. E. L. Neal, taxes refunded	48
W. T. Bishop, keeper Crumpton bridge	50 00
F. C. Anderson, road work	23 50
Rob't H. Leathem, "	15 00
H. Theo. Jewell, discounts	14 62
Annie Blake, pension	15 00
Anna Harris, pension	15 00
James H. Copper, pension	15 00

ORPHAN'S COURT.

John P. Nicholson on Tuesday passed trust accout for the children of Charles H. Hurlock; Francis X. Kraft passed guardian accounts for Helen, Mary and Andrew B. Woodall.

At the College.

The Mount Vernon Literary Society has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, C. C. Gumm; vice president, G. W. Powell; rec. sec., J. T. Baden; corres. sec., R. H. K. Gill; treas., L. G. Burroughs; sargeant-at-arms, A. T. Tyler; historian, C. Guy LeCompte; critic, J. W. Sutton.

Philomathean Literary Society: President, Frank C. Kirk; vice president, J. Waters Russell; rec. sec'y., Rudolph F. Tull; cor. sec'y., Daniel G. Anderson; chaplain, Leroy Lynch; sergeant at-arms, Elbert W. Lynch.

CHURCH NOTES.

The Splendid Record of Dr. H. B. Martin, Emmanuel's New Pastor.

A Philadelphia correspondent pays the following tribute to Dr. Henry B. Martin, who on the eighteenth of February will preach his first sermon as rector of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, Chestertown:

"After a pastorate of six years, in which he has gained the esteem and affection of his congregation, the Rev. Dr. H. B. Martin, of St. James' Protestant Episcopal Church, Fifty-second and Master streets, will sever his connection with the church on February 1. Dr. Martin received a series of offers from churches in the diocese of Eastern Maryland, having had five calls extended to him within a year. The unanimous call of the vestry and congregation of Emmanuel Church, at Chestertown, Kent county, Md., was accepted.

"When Dr. Martin handed in his resignation a committee composed of the vestrymen asked him to reconsider. He declined. He thus completes the longest pastorate in the history of the church. The work of the church has grown most encouragingly, the congregation is large and its financial condition is satisfactory. During the pastorate the church has been twice enlarged. On January 23 there will be a special confirmation of Dr. Martin by the Right Rev. Dr. Adams, Bishop of Easton, in the absence of Bishop Whitaker, who is in Cuba. Dr. Martin's previous rectorate was at St. Andrew's Church, in Princess Anne, Somerset county, Md."

At a meeting of the standing committee held at Trinity Cathedral, Easton, Tuesday, December 5th, 1899, the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. S. C. Roberts, was filled by the election of Rev. Wm. Schouler, of the same convocational district which Dr. Roberts represented. The committee gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. S. C. Partridge as Bishop of Kiota, Japan. The following was at a recent meeting of the standing committee of the Diocese of Easton placed upon the minutes:

"In respect to the memory of our late brother and associate, the Rev. Stephen C. Roberts, Doctor of Divinity, we hereby give expression to the deep sorrow we experience in his death; the love and esteem in which we have ever held him; the respect which we have entertained for his opinions and counsels and the convictions which we hold, that no one among us was more devoted to the welfare of the Church of God.

In humbly bowing to the will of our Heavenly Father, we heartily thank Him for "the good example of this, His servant, who, having finished his course in faith, doth now rest from his labors."

JAMES A. MITCHELL,
W. R. BEAVEN,
A. BATTE,
J. GIBSON GANTT,
Churchman.

Mr. Stanford Dewberry, has been chosen superintendent of the Union M. E. church, in Queen Anne. The *Peninsula Methodist* says: "Bro. Dewberry is a faithful worker and knows well how to handle the school. We congratulate all parties concerned."

Rev. E. C. Sunfield, pastor of Chestertown M. E. Church, will preach at Union M. E. Church, Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2.30 P. M. Preaching at Morgnec 11.30 A. M.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Sarah M. Turner and Mr. William A. Edwards Dead.

MRS SARAH M. TURNER.

At the home of her son, J. Leonard Turner, near Kennedyville, early Saturday morning, Jan. 20th, 1900, Mrs. Sarah M. Turner passed peacefully away into the land of rest, there from sickness, sorrow, pain and death to be and to live throughout all eternity. She was the widow of the late I. Lake Turner and daughter of the late William H. Jarrell, both of Queen Anne's county. She was comparatively young, being only 57 years of age. She was a member of Kennedyville M. P. Church, but was seldom in attendance, owing to her physical inability to leave her home. She fully trusted in the blessed Redeemer as her Savior and leaned on the everlasting arms of God. She was a true and devoted wife, a good and loving mother. Her delight was her children, next to her God. She wanted to live for her children; during her late illness she would say, "It is so hard to leave my dear children" As a mother-in-law she was beautiful. All will miss her so much; so hard to give up "mother," to say "mother is gone." But what a blessed assurance to know that while we cannot recall a loved one we can go to her who has taught them and raised them to love the Lord. None knew her but to love her, none named her but to praise. She leaves to mourn their deep loss seven children, William L., J. Leonard, Albert S., Guy, Howard, Mrs. Austin Hutt and May.

The bearers were: W. A. Jarrell, W. E. Jarrell, Joshua Jarrell, Isaac Cleaver, William Hurlock, Abram Crawford. Interment in Still Pond cemetery.

ONE WHO FEELS HER LOSS.

WILLIAM B. EDWARDS.

In the death of Mr. William B. Edwards, at his home near Hanesville, on Saturday, the county lost an estimable citizen and one of the most popular young farmers in the community in which he lived. The funeral was held at his home on Monday afternoon, when a vast concourse of friends paid the last tribute of respect to the dead. Interment was made in Chester cemetery. Though Mr. Edwards had been in poor health for several months past, death came with a shocking suddenness.

He arose on Saturday morning and expressed a desire for beefsteak, which had been sent for. Before the messenger returned he was taken ill, and his physician, Dr. J. H. Hessey, was hastily summoned, but the physician's skill was of on avail, and in an hour Mr. Edwards, passed quietly away, aged 32 years.

He was considered so much better that his mother, who had been staying at his home, was preparing to return to her home in Chestertown. He was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Edwards, of Chestertown. A widow, the daughter of Mr. Richard C. Smyth, and four little girls survive him. Revs. E. C. Makosky and T. M. Gill officiated at the funeral. The pall bearers were: Joseph R. Usilton, Lewin J. Usilton, Harry C. Willis, Romie Skirven, Robert G. Nicholson and William T. Nicholson. John N. Dodd, funeral director.

A Pretty Home Wedding.

SHINN—HENDRICKSON.

A pretty home wedding was solmnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hendrickson, at 6.30 o'clock on Thursday evening. The happy couple were Mr. Frank Shinn and Miss Sarah R. Hendrickson. The dining room, parlors and staircase were decorated with evergreens, palms and potted plants. At the appointed hour the bridal couple entered the parlor preceded by the ushers, Messrs. George H. Hendrickson, brother of the bride, and William Shinn, brother of the groom. Rev. John M. Gill, pastor of Christ M. P. Church, performed the ceremony.

The bride was charmingly attired in a mode cloth gown, entrain and daintily trimmed with white liberty silk.

An elegant supper, gotten up in Mrs. Hendrickson's inimitable style, was enjoyed by a number of friends present.

The presents, numbering about seventy-five were useful and handsome.

The best wishes of the TRANSCRIPT to the happy young couple.

Shooting at Blacks.

About seventy-five persons were present at the shooting match held at Blacks, on Thursday afternoon. The first match was at live birds, purse $3 50; Won by Vansant. The participants were: B. S. Sutton, Vansant, Mulford, Toulson, Robinson, Shallcross and Thornley.

Second match, live birds, purse $4—contestants were: Sutton, Vansant, Mulford, Cornell, Thornley, Shallcross, Schofield and Rowell Won by Vansant.

Third match, live birds, purse $4 50. Won by Mulford. Contestants were: Vansant, Cornell, Sutton, Schofield, Thornley, Mulford, Brice and Toulson.

Fourth match, live birds, won by Mulford, purse $3. Contestants—Mulford, Sutton, Vansant, Schofield, Colwell and Galoway.

At blue rocks,—first match, $2.00 purse, won by Mulford; second, purse $2, won by Toulson; third, purse $2, won by Mulford; fourth, purse $2, won by Stradley; fifth, purse $2, won by Brice and Mulford.

FOOLED THE SHERIFF.

Two Negroes Give the Officers the Slip and Escape.

On Tuesday night the business place of Mr. Thomas Stockton Wickes, on High street, was entered and forty dollars in gold, together with some dry goods, were stolen. Entrance was effected through a side window, a brace by which the window was fastened having been shaken from its position. The fact that the money was in gold gave hopes of a capture.

The banks and the merchants of the town were notified of the robbery and asked to look out for gold coin.

No clue was gotten to the guilty parties until Thursday morning, when Annie Baynard, a colored woman, presented a ten dollar gold piece to Mr. C. S. Smith and asked that it be changed. Mr. Smith sent her to the Second National Bank. Cashier Copper, having heard of the robbery, gave the change and followed the woman down the street, learned her name, and Officers Simpson and Cooper were informed. A search-warrant was sworn out by Officer Cooper, and the woman's home was searched. The woman had the change on her person, and a quantity of goods was found concealed in an old lard can in a smoke house in the yard. The goods were afterward identified by Mr. Wickes' clerk, Mr. John R. Rollison, but before the goods were identified as having been taken from Mr. Wickes' store, the woman escaped to the house of Simon Blake, where Sheriff Davis and Officer Cooper afterward found her at night. Upon being told that she must go to jail, she deliberately wrapped her baby preparatory to taking it with her. At this point, upon some pretext, the woman asked to be allowed to go out of the house for a moment. This was granted, and the child was left in the room with the sheriff. The woman, unlike the cat, has not as yet come back, and the sheriff wonders where she is "at." The woman had declared that her husband, Baynard, had gone to his home, but a search failed to locate him, and the officers returned to Blake's house to make further search there.

Then it was Baynard's time to trick the sheriff. Officer Cooper ascended the stairs to make a search, Officer Simpson held a light for him while Sheriff Davis guarded the lower room. While the search was being made above, Baynard deliberately rolled out from under the bed and before the officer could recover from his astonishment the man vanished like a shadow and the place whereof he once was knoweth him no more. The sheriff fired his pistol but the man refused to call a halt.

WITH THE HORSEMEN.

Matters of Interest to Local Lovers of Fine Animals.

In the illustrated Christmas issue of *The Horseman*, several references are made which are of especial interest to Kent countians. The very first mention in "Current Items" is a reference to Democracy, the now celebrated youngster which originally hailed from Sudlersville. His record is given as 2.07¾ and weight 990 pounds. A fine cut of the grey pacer is also given.

The admirers of Alcantara, the handsome stallion belonging to Dr. G. Allen Jarman, will be glad to learn that "Old Alcantara, who with the mighty Allerton stands high up in the 1900 list of producing sires, is at home in Minnesota. A. F. Ware, owner of the Alcantara horse and Alcantara farm, at Northfield, Minnesota, writes that the old stallion is looking fresh and fit and apparently good for a dozen years to come. The old horse is nothing short of a wonder, and there is no getting away from the fact that he is one of the chief sources of harness speed in this country."

In the list of pacers "new to the list in 1899, winners of 3 or more races in from 2.15 to 2.10¾," is given; Free Silver, b. g. by Numa, dam by Caffrey's Dictator. Won at Lebanon (2) Bethlehem, Allentown, Kutztown, Easton, Nazareth, Reading (2.18¾ in winning race). Free Silver is the phenomenal young pacer belonging to Mr. C. S. Hurlock, of Masseys. Free Silver burst as a meteor upon the local horse world last year.

Regulus, the trotting stallion sold by ex-Sheriff Bedford Roe, in 1894, has cut his record down to 2.18¾. This splendid animal is now owned by Mr. Savage, at Berlin. It is claimed that with proper work he has far greater possibilities for a very low record.

The Smyrna *Call* says: "'Free Silver,' owned by Register of Wills C. S. Hurlock, of Masseys, the pacer who made fast time on Belmont track, here, will be entered in several big races this year, and Mr. H., also expects to give him a trial at Tolchester. Mr. Hurlock says he is anxious to match him with 'Gold Standard' if he can find him. 'Free Silver' is a marvel, and has been registered with the fast pacers."

FARMERS' CLUB MEETING.

A Pleasant Session at Capt. Daniel Hill's—Meeting of Tomato Growers Called.

The Still Pond Farmer's Club met in regular session at the home of Capt. Daniel Hill on Thursday. The morning session was devoted to examining Capt. Hill's fine dairy herd, his manner of stabling and feeding his cows. His grain feed consists of a mixture of cob-corn ground fine and wheat bran; the grain feed mixed with cut corn fodder dampened and fed several hours after being mixed. The members thought the cows looked well and fully approved of his manner of feeding and the convenient arrangement of his buildings.

The remainder of the morning was spent in discussing the question of the best time to sow clover seed. Most of the farmers favored February sowing and advised the buying of seed this year as soon as possible, as the indications are for higher prices.

After an elegant dinner, served as Mrs. Hill knows so well how to serve a tempting meal, the afternoon session opened with the ladies present. The first question asked was, "Should the landlord pay part of the expense of picking string beans when raised for canning? After a long discussion it was unanimously decided that in beans and all other crops for canning when tenant did not get a by-product for feed, the landlord should pay one-half of expense of picking.

The growing of tomatoes for the canneries was then discussed, and it was thought best by the club that there should be a series of public meetings of the farmers interested, the first meeting to be held at Kennedyville, and the next at Still Pond, and on motion it was

Resolved, That the first meeting be held in Kennedyville hall on Wednesday, January 31, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Club then adjourned to meet at the home of Mr. E. B. Pennington the last Thursday in February.

LANKFORD NOTES.

EDITORS TRANSCRIPT—The sub-convention which will meet in Salem M. E Church about the middle of March, promises to be a grand affair for the Epworth League members and friends. The meeting will be held one day only, with three sessions, morning, afternoon and night. Every effort will be made for the comfort and convenience of visitors and friends.

A grand musicale was given Mr. Raymond Walbert recently at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walbert. Professors Judefind and Willson were in charge of the music. Some of those present were: Treasurer J. L. Beck and wife, Mr. J. E. Morris and wife, W. T. Brice, Misses Cora Emory, Violet Beck, Louise Price, Pricie Maslin, Sophia Beck, Blanch and Maude DeFord and Mamie Clothier; Charles Jesson, Merritt Brice, Scott Beck, Willie Maslin, Harry Skirven, Howard Reese, Hynson Beck, George DeFord and others. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, ices, cake lemonade, fruits and confectionery and nuts were served in abundance.

Fox-hunting is the order of the day; huntsmen are reported much more plentiful than foxes.

Mr. Benjamin Beck has been suffering from a few bruises caused by one of his sheep. Mr. Beck thinks a butting sheep is a bad fellow to tackle.

Messrs. Thomas and Richard Bryan are spending some time in Baltimore.

Miss Maud Thompson has been visiting Mrs. Walter Fletcher, near Fairlee.

Mr. Richard Groves, Jr., has entered Bryan & Stratton Business College, Baltimore.

Mr. Johnny Morris has a fine lot of lambs. Early birds. SOUTH SIDE

CHESTERVILLE NOTES.

Mrs. E. E. Myers, mother of Mr. Chas. Tracy, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Jas. A. Spry, of this village, was buried in Crumpton cemetery today. She resided in Philadelphia a few weeks previous to her death, in which city she died. Many years ago she kept a large dry goods store in Crumpton and was widely known.

Linda, daughter of Frank and Hattie Cranor, we learn, is critically ill at her home in Wilmington, Del., to which city her parents lately moved.

There are several unoccupied residences in our village which we hope will soon be filled with worthy citizens.

There were present at the entertainment given by Mrs. W. W. Baldwin, on the 18th inst. to which we have alluded before, the following, namely: Mr. Wilmer Ford and wife, Mr. Robt. Moffett and wife, the Misses Balwin, Mr. Sam'l and Miss Daisy Moffett, Mr. and Mrs. John Price and daughter, Mr. Thos. Jarman and wife, Mrs. J. W. Jarman and daughter, Miss Estella, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ford, Mrs. E. A. Crittenden and son, C. G. Carey, Mr. and Mrs Geo. Jones, Mr. Lewis Price and wife, of Millington; Mr. Pearley Moffett and wife, Mrs. Elmer Jarman, Dr. Hackett and wife, Mr. Kelley and wife, of Locust Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Dukes, Rev. J. Edgar Wilson and son, Guy; Mr. and Mrs Philip Myers, and wife, friend, Mr. William Meredith and Mr. and Mrs. William Bonwill. An elegant repast was spread before the guests, and much lowless entertained in an attractive style.

The many friends of Rev. John C. Sedwick, will learn with sadness, the news of his beloved wife's death, which took place very recently at her home in Catlett's, Va. During her sojourn here she won many friends by her genial, sympathetic nature, and commanded the highest regard and esteem of all, by her noble, christian character. She leaves three little girls. OCCASIONAL.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Practical But Interesting Addresses on Agricultural Subjects—All About Poultry Raising.

FINE AUDIENCES.

"I am highly gratified at the size and representative character of our audiences here. We prefer quality to quantity at our institute, but Kent has given us both quality and quantity this time. All things considered, we are more than pleased. I knew the TRANSCRIPT would be here."

The above is the sentiment with which Prof. W. L. Amoss, Institute Director, received the TRANSCRIPT's representative at Kennedyville at last week's meeting of Kent county farmers.

No more representative meeting of Kent county agriculturists ever took place on a similar occasion, and no meeting of farmers ever evinced a keener interest in discussions of timely subjects. About one hundred gentlemen and ladies attended the meeting on Friday, and in spite of Saturday morning's storm, about fifty farmers heard the fine addresses delivered. The institute was in every respect a great success.

The following points were culled from the fine paper of Prof. J. A. Bonstell, of Johns Hopkins University; subject, "Soil Fertilization." The speaker said in part: The time when the farmer was satisfied to know only so much about the soil as he could learn from looking between the plow handles, is passed. The successful production of all crops depends upon a knowledge of two sets of conditions; those relating to the climate and those relating to the soil. Nearly every soil contains sufficient plant food, stored within four feet of the surface, to raise fifty crops of any kind. This plant food is not, however, always available to the growing crop. The original texture of a soil may be modified by the cultivation it experiences and by the fertilizers applied. The greater part of the Eastern Shore is covered by a sandy loam which in some localities becomes finer grained, forming a true clay soil.

The subject of general soil-formation was interestingly dealt with.

POULTRY.

Mr. James E. Rice, of Yorktown, N.Y., so delighted all present with his talk on "Poultry for Profit," that he was jestingly referred to by the ladies as "the chicken man."

Mr. Rice urged that fowls be kept more particularly for egg production, especially fall and winter production. He said: The demand for fresh eggs in all the cities and towns is practically unlimited at good prices, many times from 5 to 10 cents per dozen above the regular wholesale rate. There is little danger in overstocking the market at this season because it takes some special care and good feeding to induce hens to lay at a time when laws of her nature rebels against it. It requires work, and anything that is difficult to do always commands good profits. The thing that is easy to do everybody is doing, and there is not much profit in it. If one will observe the habits of hens he will see that in the spring every fool hen in the country is laying because she can't help it.

To get eggs during the fall and winter we must make the conditions as near like spring as possible.

THE POULTRY HOUSE.

Always build the poultry house in a spot sheltered from the wind. A one span roof is a little easier and cheaper to make than a gable roof. It should slope towards the north in order to keep the roof surface from being exposed to the sun. The direct heat from the sun ruins tarred paper and makes the house much hotter in summer. The high vertical front makes a wind break and reflects back the sunlight in winter, making a warm dry place in front. It also makes it possible to put the window high up, 7½ feet, which throws the light clear to the back-side of the room fifteen feet away. Where windows are placed low down the sun only goes back a few feet and the rest of the room is in shadows or darkness.

A board or cement floor is far dryer and easier to keep clean than dirt. In either case dust and plenty of straw should be provided, the former to keep the floor dry and the latter to keep the hens busy hunting for their food.

FEEDING POULTRY.

We should begin with the chicken to make a good laying hen. Give them all they can eat of food that will make them grow large frames rather than put on fat. The first food should be rolled oats, milk and bread. Also some fine oyster shell for grit. Then feed a custard made by mixing 2 eggs in a quart of skim milk, stirring well and left in the oven until it forms a custard; in this put a little finely chopped onion and corn bread. Feed in a crumbly condition. Cracked corn and wheat should be given freely at night. Water and plenty of green food should always be provided.

The common mistake in feeding hens is to feed too much corn, which makes fowls too fat to lay and even so fat that they often die of apoplexy. Hens to do their best must have all the food they can eat given to them regularly and of the right kind, which means a good variety of grains, meal and green food that are rich in albumen, the part of the food that makes blood, muscle and the white of the egg. Part of the food should be ground and this we like to feed at noon as hot as the fowls will eat it, especially in cold weather. A good mixture 100 lbs. corn meal, 100 ground oat, 100 wheat bran, 100 animal meal, 100 wheat middlings. This is all mixed and each day as much should be fed scalded as the fowls will eat. It is a good plan to boil potatoes, carrots, turnips, cabbage, etc., and mix with this.

Corn, wheat and peas should be thrown in the straw litter to make the hens work and get warm early in the morning, and again before they go to roost.

Wheat at 60—75 cents per bushel is the best all-round grain for hens, but at $1 per bushel it is too expensive to feed much.

Always provide water and oyster shells. Nearly 75 per cent. of every egg is water, so if a hen is to manufacture eggs she must have plenty of pure water whenever she wants it. Oyster shells or some form of lime are necessary to make the egg shell. The shells also serve as grit for the fowls to do their grinding.

BREEDS AND BREEDING.

The various breeds of fowls are so decidedly different in their characteristics that we may select a breed that is exactly adapted to one's special needs and tastes.

The Leghorns, Minorcas and Hamburgs have been bred for the special purpose of egg production.

So much so that the maternal instinct to raise chickens has been almost bred out of them. Therefore, if they are to be kept, another one will have to be called upon to do the hatching or an incubator and breeder will have to be used. The so-called artificial means is decidedly to be preferred where several hundred chickens are to be raised each season. Ordinarily on the farm where only few chickens are to be grown it is less trouble to let the hens do it in their "good old way."

The Minorcas lay the largest and finest white eggs of any breed, and are splendid layers, but their awfully large combs and black plumage are against them. The Hamburgs lay two small eggs. All things considered, I believe that the single-combed white Leghorn that has been bred large and strong is the best egg producer. They, of course, are not real good for eating fowls, but will do pretty well when properly fed. Where a good large, clean-legged, yellow-skinned, handsome, hardy fowl is wanted; one that will make a good layer and is splendid to eat as a chicken or an older fowl, no better can be found than the good old American barred Plymouth Rock. The white Wyandottes are also good general purpose fowls and have the advantage of white plumage, making them easier to prepare for market, but in my experience with them they have not been quite as satisfactory layers as the Plymouth Rocks. One test of a breed never will prove anything, however, because there is quite as much difference between different strains of the same breeds themselves. It is always well to inquire when buying stock if the fowls are kept and bred for egg production and not for fancy points alone. It will usually pay better to have thoroughbred fowls, because a person will, as a rule, take better care of stock in which he takes pride. However, it is foolish to invest money in high-priced eggs until we are in good shape to take care of them. Often it will prove far more satisfactory to pick out the best hens in the flock at home and grade up with a white Leghorn male. You would be surprised to see what a fine productive flock of high-grade Leghorns will be obtained the first year. They will produce more eggs with the same care and feed than would be possible to get from the ordinary mongrel fowls upon the farm.

ABOUT COWS.

Mr. H. J. Patterson, director at the Maryland Agricultural Station, gave a highly pactical and interesting talk about cows and dairying. In referring to the cow, he insisted that the animals' disposition must be studied, but all animals he said must be kindly treated. First of all be gentle to the dairy cow. You should be fond of the individuals of the herd, but no man can afford to become so fond of a cow as to be led to keep her when she gives less than 200 pounds of butter a year. The profitable cow must give 300 pounds of butter a year, while the average butter yield per cow for the State is 100 pounds. Don't keep a cow for her society, there are too many cows on the farm who don't belong there. The successful dairyman must keep an individual account with each cow. There can be no hit or miss. Forty per cent. of local dairy cows are not yielding a profit. Some cows go dry sooner than others—or possess other unprofitable peculiarities. This record may be some trouble, but the farmer can afford to take some trouble to find out the unprofitable members of his herd The intelligent farmer always sells his worst cows. The farmer should buy his bull from best dairy breeds. Don't buy cows because of their pedigrees. Buy the cow and have the pedigree thrown in, rather than buy the pedigree with the cow thrown in. I have seen cows graded up to 500 pounds of butter per year. Buy the best individual animal and use the best possible bull of milk and butter strain.

Next to getting herd comes attention to cows. Ventilation, warmth and water, are primary necessities. It is just as profitable to carry a cow as it is to carry a horse. It will have feed, make an animal clean and protects quality of the milk and butter produced. The food is important. A well-balanced ration is 10 to 12 pounds of following mixture: Corn and cob meal, 500 pounds; wheat bran, 300 pounds; cream gluten meal, 200 pounds. The gluten meal costs $19 per ton. Always have salt where cows can get to it, and keep an abundance of pure water.

A TALK ON CORN.

Mr. George E. Silver, of Harford county, one of the highest authorities on the subject in the state, talked of The Corn Crop and Corn Planting.